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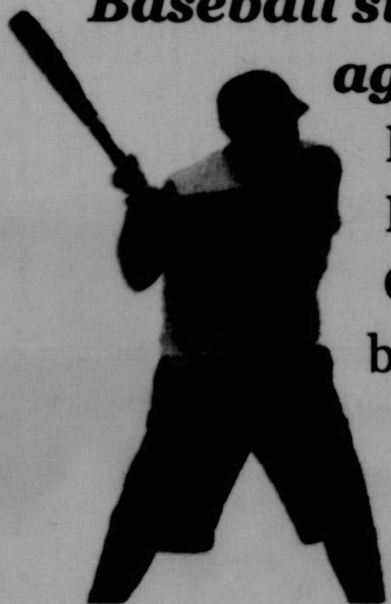
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at home

Sex crimes double at HSU, all cases reported in dorms

Karen Wilkinson
Features Editor

Sex crimes in HSU's dorms have consistently been on the rise in the last five years. This year's sexual assaults, which were committed against women 19 years and younger, already doubled last year's figures. Every incident in the last two years occurred in the dorms.

Motivated by a series of Lumberjack articles about sexual assault and student concern, Nicole Alvarado, student affairs vice president for Associated Students, took over revising HSU's outdated and misinforming eight-year-old campus policy against sexual harassment and assault. Alvarado is working with Steve Butler, vice president of student affairs, to rewrite the policy this Thursday.

Though the sexual assault and harassment policy was scheduled to be updated by the end of September, the revision was pushed back a month.

UPD Acting Chief Tom Dewey said that the statistics do not reflect how many sexual assaults actually take place on campus. "We're only seeing the tip of the iceberg," Dewey said.

Jenny Guidi, co-director of the Women's Center and a fourth-year women's and ethnic studies major, said underreporting is commonplace. "I always think there's a more complex story to the picture," Guidi said. "[But] these statistics can shed some light on the situation."

Though reported assaults in the dorms have doubled from the previous year, Dewey does not perceive a statistically noteworthy influx. "I think the numbers are so small we have to be cautious about calling it a significant increase in assault," Dewey said.

Of the four sex crimes reported, drugs and/or alcohol were involved with three. Dewey said drug and alcohol use are the greatest factors that lead to being at risk of sexual assault.

"We could reduce the number of sexual assaults on campus if we could reduce drug and alcohol abuse," Dewey said. "We're not laying blame on anyone—we're encouraging awareness of risk factors. Just as a doc-

tor would tell a smoker to stop smoking to reduce the risk of a heart attack."

Guidi said dominant masculinity constructs play a large role in the manner in which sexual assault is discussed. "I don't think you can look at rape outside of systematic gender oppression and the role violence plays to keep certain people oppressed," Guidi said.

A clear example, Guidi said, is in prisons where men rape other men, enforcing a system of hierarchy.

"How you define the problem is how you define the solution," Guidi said. "If the problem is women acting irrationally, unsafely and drinking, the solution would be for women to stop drinking and take self-defense courses. If you define the problem as men raping, then you're going to have to go deal with those men."

Butler said gender stereotypes play a large role in how people view sex, gender norms and relationships. "All the media and peer pressures tell you the relationship between sex and drugs and alcohol are related,"

Butler said.

Guidi lived in Redwood Hall her first year at HSU. She said that while living there, male residents often harassed her and her friends while walking to and from the shower and restroom.

Living there caused her to feel out of control of her situation, unsafe and "ultimately just worn down."

She has spent the last three years in off-campus housing. "I feel [that by] living off campus I have more control over my circumstances," Guidi said.

All employees of the university, with the exception of counselors at the Health Center, are required by federal law to report crimes to UPD.

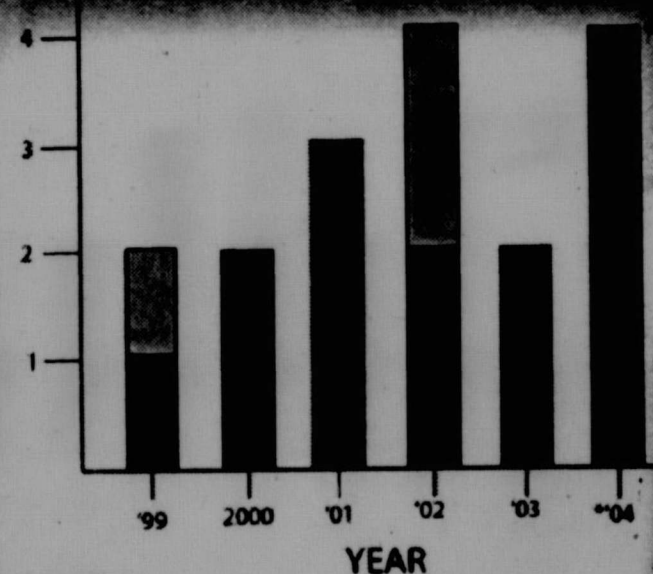
Director of Housing and Dining Services John Capaccio said this mandate could deter students from reporting to housing employees because the case would be directed to UPD. "This force reporting does hinder our ability to get people to report," he said.

Having an on-campus support group in which sexual assault is more openly talked about is something Kristina Horn, the sex-

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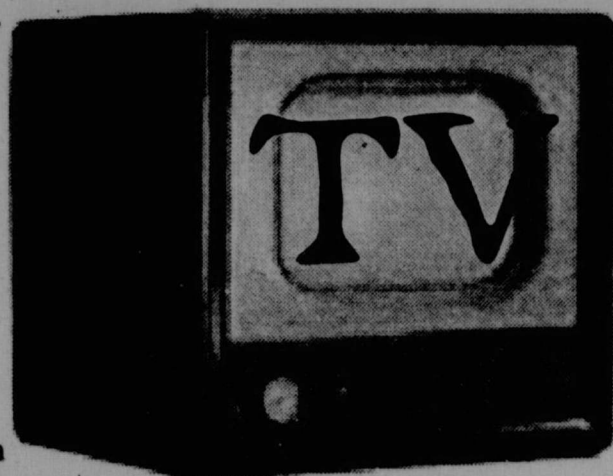
REPORTED SEXUAL ASSAULTS



Assaults reported to date. Reporting ends Dec. 31.

Amar Georgeson

All victims of sexual assault this year were women under the age of 19. percent of the victims of assault on campus knew their offender. HSU's sexual assault/ harassment policy will be updated Thursday.



Ray Aspuria
Staff writer

DEGREE

Interactive broadcasting allows HSU and Fresno students to study communication disorders

Starting next fall, HSU communications students can earn a degree by watching TV.

By sitting in a specially wired room and listening to an interactive lecture broadcast from California State University Fresno, HSU students can earn a bachelor's degree without stepping foot on Fresno's campus.

Students will be able to major in speech language pathology nearly 12 years after HSU's speech therapy studies program was eliminated due to lack of funding.

Students would enroll concurrently at both HSU and Fresno and would earn the degree from Fresno's department of communicative disorders and deaf studies.

Speech language pathology is the study of oral communication disorders relating to speaking, hearing and understanding language.

Pathologists study the classifications, manifestations, and causes of communication disorders as well as approaches to their assessment and treatment.

They specialize in the assessment, treatment and education of children and adults who have speech, language and/or hearing problems.

"HSU students who are interested in the program must first become students at CSU Fresno to participate," Professor Aimee Langlois of the child development department said. "They have to apply to transfer to Fresno and once admitted, pay their fees to that university."

The major stretches over four semesters with 17 required courses. Fresno instructors will teach all but two of the required classes.

The classes, CD 355 - Language Development and CD 464 - Atypical Development, will be taught on HSU campus.

The remaining 15 classes will be broadcast at HSU as well as at [CSU's] Bakersfield, Stanislaus, and Stanislaus Stockton with a two-way interactive video system.

Students on all campuses will be attending class at the same time as they either sit with the instructor in a classroom at Fresno, or sit in a specially wired room on their respective campuses and watch the lecture.

Once enrolled, students will be assigned an advisor from Fresno, with whom they will communicate by phone or e-mail, Langlois said.

Due to the fact that HSU and Fresno maintain different academic calendars and vacations fall on different dates, HSU will keep its video conferencing room open for Fresno classes even when HSU classes are not in session. Conversely, when Fresno is on holiday and HSU in session, Arcata-based students will attend HSU classes only.

Langlois said the return of the program is in response to the lack of speech pathologists in Humboldt County.

"HSU is offering this reactivation in response to community needs," Langlois said. "Positions are going unfilled and thus individuals are not being served, especially in the school system."

HSU's own speech/language pathology program, which

started in the mid-60s, was closed in May 1992 due to budget restrictions. Since then, Langlois said Humboldt County has suffered a shortage of speech therapists and the program's return is mainly due to the county's needs.

Nearby schools and agencies lack speech therapists and find it difficult to attract licensed practitioners to the Humboldt County area, Langlois said in a press release. An undergraduate program in communicative disorders is a stepping stone to meeting those needs.

Langlois encourages students who receive their B.A. from HSU to pursue their master's degree or a clinical rehabilitative services credential at another institution because work is limited for students who do not further their education.

"In order to work as speech-language pathologists in most states, students must attend graduate school to obtain a master's degree, a clinical rehabilitative services credential, or both," Langlois said.

Those with master's degrees are eligible to work in hospitals, health agencies, private schools or other private sectors, Langlois said. Those with a credential are eligible to work only in the public school system.

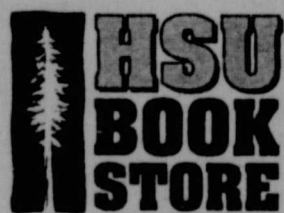
Employment opportunities are limitless for people who have both a master's and a credential, Langlois said.

Students interested in the program can contact Langlois 826-4535 or al2@humboldt.edu.

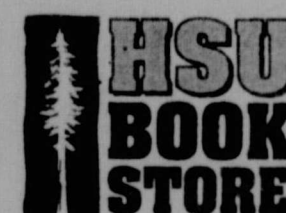
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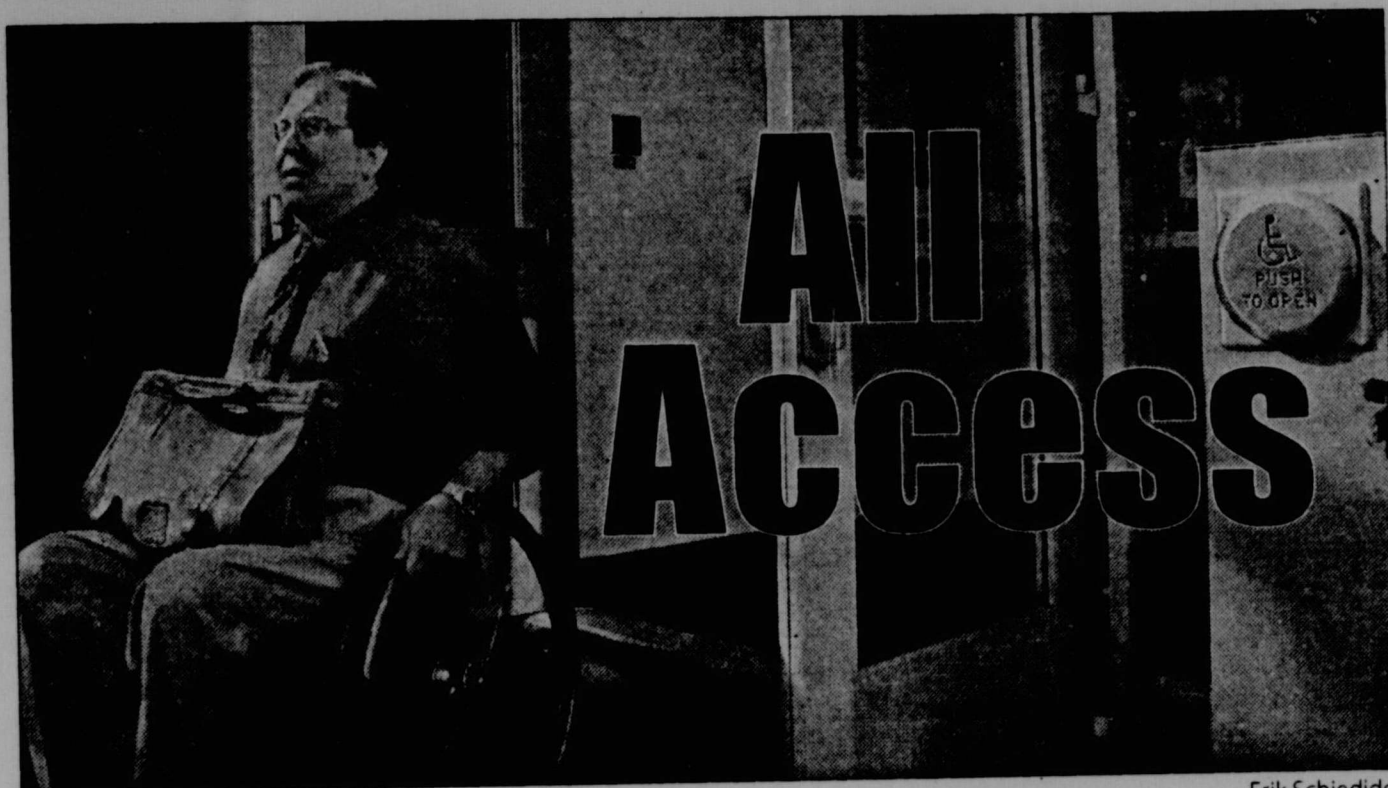
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Ralph McFarland, director of the Student Disability Resource Center, uses a push button to open the door to Siemen's Hall. Similar installments can be seen across HSU

HSU improves disabled services

Sarah Lewers
Staff writer

Humboldt State has the highest percentage of students with disabilities in the CSU system. With a campus nicknamed Hills and Stairs University, the range of challenges for disabled people on campus is equally large.

In recent years, HSU has made significant progress mitigating physical barriers with the installation of push buttons to open doors, disabled-access computer labs, ramps at building entrances, and other improvements.

Many disabled students, professors and alumni agree the most significant challenge currently facing disabled people at HSU is the attitude of the campus community.

Humboldt State graduate and former professor Jene McCovey struggled during her time at HSU from 1985 to 1992. McCovey is quadriplegic. Living with a paralysis that affects all four of her limbs, she uses a wheelchair. McCovey graduated from HSU through the ITEPP program with a degree in anthropology and then began teaching a course in Native American anthropology.

"The campus wasn't very wheelchair friendly when I was [at HSU]," McCovey said.

She remembers riding her motorized wheelchair up the middle of Laurel Drive to get to Founders Hall. McCovey was unable to travel on the sidewalk because her wheelchair travels faster than students walk. A wheelchair accessible ramp has since been added to the front of Founders Hall, and many other areas McCovey found problematic.

"I never got into the pool," McCovey said, "There was no way for me to get in or out." A lift to allow people with disabilities to use the pool was installed five years ago.

A Disabled Student Services shuttle and a van with a lift is now available to help students with mobility impairments navigate campus, but often the vehicles are full. McCovey said it is difficult to plan a class schedule when depending on the disabled shuttle.

"It's really hard when you have to vie for position to get a ride to classes," she said, "You can't schedule classes back-to-back, or you have to leave early and arrive late."

Ralph McFarland, director of the Student Disability Resource Center agrees that both the van and the shuttle used to transport disabled students

HOW TO

COMMUNICATE

WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1 Speak directly rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter who may be present.

2 Offer to shake hands when introduced. People with limited hand use or an artificial limb can usually shake hands. Offering your left hand is an acceptable greeting.

3 Always identify yourself and others who may be with you when meeting someone with a visual disability. When conversing in a group, remember to identify the person to whom you are speaking.

4 If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted. Then listen or ask for instructions.

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are always booked solid.

"It's not easy because there's a lot of foot traffic," McFarland said, "But without that service it would be a nightmare."

McFarland said that Humboldt State is very responsive to student needs once they become aware of them. This semester a service vehicle space was converted to a temporary handicapped space to make handicapped parking available near the Art building.

Other recent campus improvements include push buttons to open doors installed on the south-

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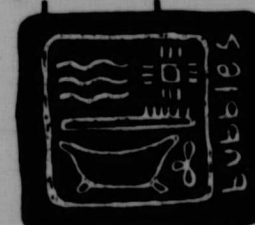
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8:56 p.m. **Too many hits to the head:** A reporting party requested medical advice for a subject with a possible concussion in Forbes Complex. The subject was injured playing football earlier that day. He was transferred to the hospital.

Oct. 3 Sunday

1:29 a.m. **My my my, DUI:** Someone was arrested on Granite Avenue and L.K. Wood Blvd. for driving under the influence. The driver was transported, booked and lodged at Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

2:42 a.m. **Lack of goggles may cause irritation, police response and severe embarrassment:** A student accidentally splashed a drop of Formalin into their eye in Science D. The student refused medical assistance.

8:39 p.m. **No J's near the J:** Five subjects were contacted and warned about drug activity near Granite Avenue.

Oct. 4 Monday

8:11 a.m. **Bubble bomb?** A suspicious box in the trash can in the men's bathroom in Siemens Hall was reported. The cardboard box contained bubble wrap.

9:17 a.m. **Pink Police:** Pink paint was spilled on the Arcata footbridge. The mess was soon cleaned up.

3:12 p.m. **Where there's smoke, there are smokers:** An ashtray in the Theater Arts building was smoldering. An officer checked the area but was unable to locate any problem.

9:02 p.m. **Trust no one:** An LGA reported to have overheard a conversation regarding drug activities in the residence halls.

Oct. 5 Tuesday

4:45 a.m. **Allergy affliction:** A student had an allergic reaction in Science D. The subject was transported to Mad River Hospital via ambulance.

7:59 a.m. **Canine credit:** A raccoon was trapped in a Dumpster in Forbes Complex. It was freed by an officer.

Oct. 6 Wednesday

12:12 p.m. **Crawl-in cohort:** A subject was seen entering Maple Hall through a window. It was later determined to be a friend of the resident.

12:16 a.m. **Thievery:** A subject was contacted and warned in front of the Depot for taking recyclables.

12:20 a.m. **Pot patrol:** A smell of marijuana was reported at Redwood hall. An officer was unable to locate the source of the odor.

3:18 p.m. **Kids do the darndest drugs:** An officer investigated possible drug activities in the residence halls.

Oct. 7 Thursday

8:40 a.m. **Check checkup:** A fraudulent check was reported in the bookstore.

6:45 p.m. **Pack snatcher:** A backpack was taken from the men's locker room in Forbes Complex. The backpack was later found in the found-property room.

Oct. 8 Friday

1:04 a.m. **It's raining booze:** A resident was pouring beer out of the windows of the Redwood Hall. The resident was contacted for alcohol violations and contraband.

3:14 a.m. **No hootin' and hol-lerin' round these parts:** Loud music was coming from Juniper Hall. An officer contacted a resident who turned the music off.

1:06 p.m. **Weird science:** A thermometer broke in Science D. An officer stood by until environmental safety arrived to clean the spill.

4:42 p.m. **Shelter shattered:** The glass of the bus-stop shelter at 14th and B Street was broken.

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ACCESS: Students struggle with stereotypes

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western door of Founders Hall, at the eastern entrance to Siemens Hall, the Forbes Complex, and both the front and the back entrances of the Student Business Services building.

McFarland said that next year another half-dozen or so places will be targeted for improvement, prioritized by student use. The planned remodel of the Van Duzer Theater includes handicapped seating; the theater currently has no seating for the disabled.

"In the Van Duzer Theater I always just sit up front," McCovey said. "They always want to put me on the side up against the wall and I don't go for that anymore."

Campus maps are also being redrawn to reflect the most accessible routes for handicapped students and will replace the existing maps posted around HSU. Signs to clearly designate these routes are also planned.

McFarland said it is easier to make structural improvements than it is to change "pre-existing stereotypical negative attitudes."

To help combat these attitudes, Helen Jones, campus director of Diversity and Compliance said she is planning disability education training sessions for faculty and staff.

Jones is currently developing online disability training similar to the online training now available regarding sexual harassment.

Jones is also responsible for campus compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The statute outlines building standards and conditions for access by people with disabilities.

McFarland supports disability training for students, faculty, and staff. He said attitudes in the campus and community regarding people with disabilities are a significant problem.

Jene McCovey agrees. She said that students were very helpful when she attended and taught at HSU. She said students would often open doors for her and the staff at the Depot used to assist her during lunch.

"Most people are gracious and kind, but sometimes people get in a hurry," McCovey said, "I've visited Humboldt State recently and people aren't as helpful."

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University Police Department: **911 or 826-3456**
 HSU Women's Center: **826-4216**
 Counseling and Psychological Services (Health Center): **826-32**
 Office of Diversity and Compliance Services: **826-4501**
 North Coast Rape Crisis Team: **445-2881** (24-hour hotline)
 Humboldt County Sexual Assault Response Team:
445-8121
 Humboldt Domestic Violence Services: **443-6042 or (866) 668-6543**
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*** 25 percent of college women are victims of rape or attempted rape** according to HSU's pamphlet "Understanding & Preventing Acquaintance Rape."



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RAPE: Policy under revision

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ual assault and domestic violence coordinator for the Women's Center, would like to see. "It's a pretty hush-hush subject," Horn said.

No charges were brought against the perpetrator in all cases and half of the victims requested to remain anonymous.

Though UPD accepts anonymous reports, Dewey is cautious of accepting all reports to be true.

"I'm wary of accepting all anonymous information as being bonafide, accurate reports of crime on campus," Dewey said.

"A lot of people think [rape is] about sex," Guidi said. "It's about violence and power."

"Sexual violence is a tool of enforcing people to get back in their box and to their norms," Guidi said.

Capaccio said it would be ideal if housing could provide programs that would keep all residents safe. However, "we're a limited resource and we're not the only education key on campus," Capaccio said. "Many times we find ourselves teaching to the choir."

"It's better for us to have a victim who doesn't want criminal prosecution to make a report than no report at all," Dewey said.

The latest Clery Report lists sexual assault prevention consultants as being active, though the positions were cut four years ago.

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A view of the outdoor gun range at the College of the Redwoods Eureka campus from the perspective of the target.

Rory Williams

Community college aims for millions

Rory Williams
Community Editor

College of the Redwoods is hounding Humboldt County voters for a \$40.3 million bond that will allow the campus to update its atmosphere and accessibility.

If the bond (known as measure Q) passes on Nov. 2, the CR campus in Eureka plans to erect an indoor gun range, which will replace the outdoor range currently in use, as one of its improvements.

By moving the gun range inside, police academy cadets and local officials will have blasting privileges during the rainy season and the obstructive sound of six-shooters around the campus will cease.

This project will cost around \$3.43 million and CR President Casey Crabill says it is a worthy expenditure.

When Crabill began working at the university in 1999, she was surprised by shots from the outdoor gun range and ducked for safety.

"The first time I heard [gun shots] from the range I literally jumped underneath my desk," Crabill said.

The coexistence of the Child Development Center and the outdoor gun range is another factor indicating that gun-users need to take their practice inside for the sake of the children.

"When you have kids in the playground, they play to the tune

of gunfire," Crabill said.

Ann Marie Woolley, coordinator of the CDC and associate faculty of Early Childhood Education, said some children are more sensitive than others when they hear shots ring out in the distance and teachers are quick to respond to inquiring toddlers.

Woolley said teachers tell the children that they are safe and the noise is coming from people training to be police officers.

There has not been any study at CR to determine whether children have suffered psychological damage from long-term exposure to the noise, but another study has determined that the decibel level from the range to the preschool

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Council candidates query citizen involvement

Paul Pitino: No special agenda

Robert Deane
Staff writer

Paul Pitino, 58, is a landscaper who plans to bring Arcata City Council down to its grass-roots foundation.

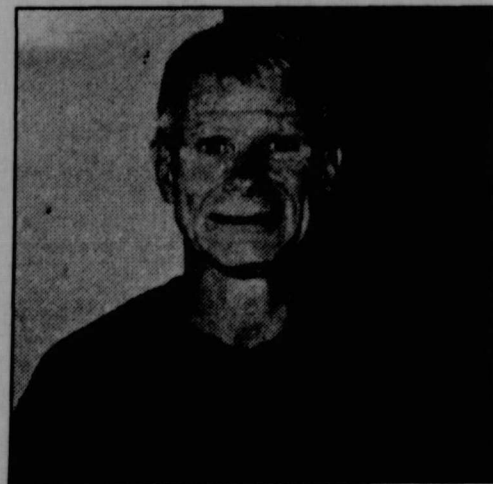
If elected, Pitino said he would bring a more "common person's" perspective to the council.

"I care and I've been involved for many years with local politics and I'm not involved in any special interests and I have no special agenda," Pitino said.

Pitino is an avid supporter of campaign finance reform and is not taking any financial contributions for his campaign.

To bring politics down to a more personal level, Arcata should adopt a system of wards where each part of town would elect its own council member, Pitino said.

Pitino believes Valley West and the Alliance Corner area would be a significant ward because they are currently underrepresented in the council.



Robert Deane

Paul Pitino wants to simplify Arcata politics with wards.

"The city needs to say: 'hey, stop treating Giuntoli like a stepchild,'" Pitino said. "I have no agenda for any part of town—just sympathy."

Pitino said he would oversee the installation of a public bathroom in the downtown area of Arcata (which he believes would benefit all citizens of the city including the homeless) as his first form of action in council.

"I'm a landscaper and it's tough to ask a business owner to use their bathroom when you are dirty after stepping in dog doo-doo," Pitino said.

Aside from a public bathroom, Pitino believes the biggest issue facing Arcata is the tenant and landlord relationship.

To improve that relationship, Pitino would like to see the tenants have an opportunity to present grievances to someone other than the landlord, such as a committee or the city council, which would also make sure there is just cause for the eviction of a tenant.

Another partnership that needs special attention is between the city and HSU, Pitino said.

"I would like to see at least one Humboldt State University student given priority to possibly have a seat on (city) committees to improve the relations between the university and the city," Pitino said.

Currently, Pitino is in his seventh year as a member of Arcata's Transportation and Safety Committee, an experience he believes sets him apart from his fellow candidates.

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Brooke McClure: Youth Ambassador

Rebecca Elston
Staff writer

A fresh young face may grace Arcata City Hall this fall. She is 21-year-old Brooke McClure, a College of the Redwoods art major and Arcata native who is running for city council.

McClure describes herself as "not really into politics," but is motivated to run for city council to offer representation for young people and others whose voices are not often heard in the community. McClure works as a youth educator at the Eureka based Raven Project outreach program for disenfranchised adolescents.

Among the things that McClure would like to see happen in Arcata is the development of affordable housing options for students and the working poor and the utilization of community centers as venues for community activities such as the center on D Street.

"The biggest reason that I am running for city council is that local government works best when a diverse population is involved. I'd like to represent my peer group of active youth. To a certain degree, most people on the city council are older homeowners," McClure said. "I have a real motivation to get people's voices heard in local government."

McClure cited the process of Elizabeth Connor's resignation from the council as evidence that a fresh mind needs to be involved in the decision-making processes at city hall. McClure said there was an overwhelming call from the public to hold an election to replace Connor, but the council



Rebecca Elston

Brooke McClure champions a diverse council.

voted 4-1 to replace her by appointment.

"I think the city council might need to pay more attention to the democratic process," McClure said.

McClure said Michael Machi is the only one of the four current city council members who is running for re-election, so it is possible that all four seats could change. The seat left by Connor is a two-year spot, and the rest of the terms are for four years.

"The hardest thing about being young is being prejudged because of the way you look," she said. She hopes to "break down barriers of perception about what people believe about young people."

McClure was ambiguous about her political affiliation.

"My political affiliation is in line with my beliefs of equality, environmental respect and rejecting discrimination in all forms," McClure said. "I don't choose to be part of a

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is not high enough to cause deafness.

Professor Gary Sokolow, director of the Public Safety Center and Basic Law Enforcement Academy, agrees that noise is an issue, but the range is in serviceable condition.

Sokolow said the poor condition of classrooms in his department needs more attention than the range.

"If you have ever seen temporary barracks from a war, that's what [the classrooms] look like," Sokolow said.

CR has planned renovations all over campus and also hopes to create a Dental Hygiene program where graduates would make double the amount of money that current Dental Assistants receive, Crabill said.

Crabill said graduates from CR's current Dental Assistants program make \$14.22 per hour on average, where Dental Hygienists make an average of \$26.47 per hour.

Another issue Crabill addressed is accessibility for disabled persons.

Accessibility has been a problem at CR since the American with Disabilities Act passed in the early '90s and a large portion of bond money will be used to bring CR up to date.

"We have no elevators and no access for [disabled persons]," Crabill said. "The campus looks like 1967."

But with a hefty price tag, the Humboldt Taxpayer's League says CR is asking too much from homeowners that are already overtaxed.

CR has proposed that homeowners be taxed \$18 per \$100,000 of property value—paying off the debt in 35 years.

Leo Sears, president of the league, said CR's infrastructure is in good shape and some of the changes CR wants to make will be obsolete in 35 years.

Sears said technological updates are like cars and long-term loans are a big mistake.

"It's just like buying a car and financing it for 35 years," Sears said. "If I replace [the car] in 10 years, I will still have 25 years of debt to pay off."

"When [the project] is half done they are going to want another \$40 million," Sears said.

Sears said CR should receive funding after most of the State debt has been paid, but he was not sure when this would occur.

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PITINO: Cares

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Leadership skills and political history are factors that Pitino says makes him a qualified candidate.

Pitino said he gained his leadership skills being a union leader for Teamsters Local 624 in Santa Rosa that covered the union at Masonite Corp. in Ukiah, where he was also the millwright.

He has also done work as project manager for Robert Shaw Controls Company, which deals with control systems in tall buildings, hospitals, schools and hotels. He was also the engineering director of Meret Incorporated's marketing and sales section for hybrid optical electronics in Ukiah.

Pitino began his political career when he first moved to Arcata in 1993 and was involved in the activism against the building of a Janes Creek West subdivision in the Arcata Bottoms in 1995.

Pitino earned both his BS in engineering (1972) and his bilingual teaching credential (1992) at California State University Los Angeles and has since used both degrees in the different areas of employment he has had both in and outside of politics.

Not only using his degrees for politics, he taught Spanish at Pacific Union School in Arcata from 1993 to 2000 before becoming a self-employed landscaper.

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Cosmetics may cause cancer

Health organization questions Avon's fundraising

Paris B. Adkins
Staff writer

Chemicals found in popular cosmetic products, including those sold for the pink ribbon campaign, could increase a woman's risk of breast cancer, according to studies done by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Avon company is one of the largest fundraisers for breast cancer research, yet it produces cosmetics containing phthalates such as nail polish and lipstick, as well as parabens in eye color pens and shampoo.

Phthalates and parabens are chemical substances that may increase the risk of breast cancer.

Phthalates are ubiquitous

chemicals found in oily perfumes, wood finishers and lubricants. Studies conducted by Earl Gray on behalf of the EPA showed that phthalates had a high risk of toxicity that could be cancerous to humans. Laboratory experiments on pregnant female animals showed a 50 percent chance of birth defects or mortality. The studies suggested that men are at a low-risk of the chemical affecting sperm count.

Both phthalates and parabens are chemical preservatives that act as estrogenic substances that mimic hormone function. Breast cancer develops because of unregulated cell growth within the nucleus. When the hormone

function is disrupted with unfamiliar chemicals, the woman is at a greater risk.

that reflect where raised money is going.

BCA announced its "Think

"All this money is being raised, but we are not seeing it go into research."

Marjory Sebastian-Watkins

Health and body politics intern for the Women's Health Center

Avon announced that it would discontinue the use of phthalates in its nail polish and other products.

Breast Cancer Action (BCA), an organization in San Francisco that advocates breast health, is holding the Food and Drug Administration responsible for not regulating chemical products used in cosmetics as pharmaceutical drugs. According to the BCA, the FDA does not require cosmetic companies to list, register or test their products for hazardous materials before they hit the shelves. In order to get a cosmetic company to recall its product, the FDA must take the company to court and prove the product to be injurious or mislabeled.

Fundraising Follies

Avon has recently been under fire from BCA for not producing records or research documents

Before You Pink" campaign to encourage pink ribbon supporters to research the companies that contribute to their choice campaign. BCA referred The Lumberjack to its Web site at www.bcaction.org for any questions and information on the campaign.

BCA believes that companies raise millions a year for breast cancer research that has not been produced. The distinction between Avon's profits and research funds are not available.

"It's amazing how much support [Avon pink ribbon] has gotten," Marjory Sebastian-Watkins, health and body politics intern for the Women's Center and women's studies and U.S. history junior said. "Where is [the money] going and why won't [Avon] tell us?"

"All this money is being raised, but we are not seeing it go into research," Sebastian-Watkins said.

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political party, but if I had to choose one, it would be the Green Party."

McClure said she is focusing on a platform that is both fun and positive, and will be holding a benefit campaign party within the next few weeks. She has been posting flyers on telephone poles, passing out information and tabling.

About the presidential race, McClure said she was "disappointed to have to choose between evils," but said it was important to participate in the election process.

"It's important to vote so people can stop spouting off statistics about how young people don't vote," she said, "so they can't keep thinking we don't matter."

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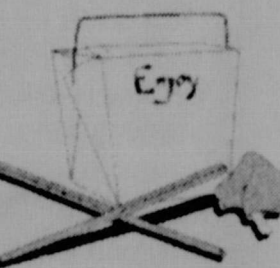
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LUMBERJACK EDITORIAL

As in every presidential election year, the elusive youth vote is sought as a hidden wildcard, to be played at an auspicious moment. Slick politicians attempt to dazzle and sway the 18- to 24-year-old population with high-tech promotions, shallow commercials and flashy public events. The youth vote poses a healthy resource to tap into, if only its opinions could be won—and its disillusionments with the political process abandoned.

History shows that young voters are not a significant political force, though could be if motivated. According to the Census, in the 2000 presidential election, a mere 32 percent of all eligible 18- to 24-year-olds voted, compared to 55 percent of the general population. Only in 1972 was there a substantial turnout among young voters. In that year, the age of suffrage was lowered to 18 from 21, and 51 percent of young people voted.

The younger constituency gives much the same reasons for not voting as the next bracket of voters, 25- to 44-year-olds. Generation X is almost as disinterested in voting as youthful voters. The main reason for both groups not voting in the 2000 presidential election was they were too busy or had conflicting schedules. Between 12 and 13 percent of those two groups cited a lack of interest or belief that a vote did not make a difference.

Every vote does count. For example, look at the results of the 2000 presidential election tally in Florida. All cynicism about hanging chads aside, the final consensus was a difference of around 300 popular votes. Florida gave Bush the Electoral College boost he needed to gain the presidency. It is true that the electoral voting system is frustrating when a president wins and does not have a majority of the popular vote. That is not a valid reason to not vote, however.

That election was incredibly close, and the one approaching in November promises to be just as tight.

A voter has significantly more sway in elections and measures at state and local levels. It is a matter of percentage. In a small area like Humboldt County, with 127,000 residents (2000 figures), only 60 percent of eligible voters may vote, so every person can alter the outcome.

Last year during the attempted recall of District Attorney Paul Gallegos, students at HSU were a rallying force in helping him win that public debate. Local politics strongly affect your life, just as much as the national influences on the larger economy and policies.

The deadline for registration is Oct. 18. Remember to reregister if you have moved since the last election.

If you like to complain about the politics of today but are not registered to voice your opinion where it counts, you have no right to moan. The apathetic citizen is dependent on those who do use their voices to determine the outcomes with which we all live. If you are content for the ride, by all means sit down. If you want to help lead your own life, shut up and vote.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus pot policy needs another look

Dear Editor:

In Sieh and Corcoran's critical look at HSU's implementation of the California Constitution's Compassionate Use Act of 1996, entitled "Pot Policy Half Baked," HSU President Rollin Richmond stated that if the possession of medical marijuana were consistent with federal law, he would consider allowing patients to carry their medicine on campus.

Well, President Richmond, it is time to live up to those words. Medical marijuana IS the federal law because of a Ninth Circuit US Court of Appeals decision on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, *Raich v. Ashcroft* 352 F.3d 1222.

This law declares the Controlled Substances Act, as it applies to medical marijuana patients, an unconstitutional overreach of federal power under the Commerce Clause (Article 1, §8).

While the case is on the Supreme Court docket for November 29, it is no less the law of the land.

Possession of medicine on the recommendation of a physician is wholly intrastate, non-economic activity.

The federal government may not interfere with a patient's right to their medicine.

President Richmond, the discriminatory policy that HSU has in place against seriously ill students who choose to use a safe, natural therapeutic alternative to dangerous pharmaceutical medication is not only morally wrong, it is in conflict with BOTH state AND federal law.

Your words show that you respect the law; let your actions show respect also.

Sincerely,
Jesse Goplen
Sociology M.A. Student
Medical Marijuana Patient

Seek common ground

Dear "angry person"

Take it easy man! Your insults toward the president of our university are just mean spirited.

I heard president Richmond's speech last spring and I thought it had a positive message. You verbally attack students who don't fit your standard of personal hygiene.

Did you read what kind of stuff you wrote before you sent it off? e.g. "Oh wait, I forgot, this is HSU, and almost everyone here hates our country because they can't think for themselves."

Really, is this true? Are you currently researching this alleged phenomenon?Please get out in your community and make some friends.

There is a republican club on campus, and they were on the quad at least two times in the past week, and they had flyers posted. Get involved with your local club. If you don't like theirs, well then start your own.

Why not try to find some common ground with those whom you disagree. I think that this would allow you to debate issues, which you feel strongly about, in an intelligent and courteous manner.

You do not need to insult people and spew hate in order to be heard.

Good Luck!
Respectfully,
Chris Oneal

KRFH brings joy to listener

Dear Editor:

I have a confession to make: I love KRFH. I love our on-campus, Internet access, student run radio station. I love KRFH for all the good that it stands for in a time when evil is running rampant in our world. I love KRFH for its support of local bands and talent. I love KRFH for its web-cam that allows me to watch all the hot DJs spin their sweet, sweet tunes. I love KRFH because they let me play music on air for 2 hours per week (Thursday at 10 am and Saturday at 4pm)!

Haven't tried KRFH lately? Well tune into 610 am in the Depot, the J and various residence halls. OR try KRFH.net. Plug in your headphones at any computer lab while you write that paper or just surf the web. And you, too, can check out all the hotties behind the mic.

If you're sitting in any one of these on campus locations and your ears aren't being filled by the sweet music wafting from 610 AM, nicely ask one of the lovely people who work there to tune in. It's really that easy!

Add a smile and a wink and we can all benefit from the joys that KRFH has to offer. Thanks for listening!

Cheers!
Elizabeth Osberger
Marine Biology/Zoology
Senior

Disclaimer: These views represent solely my views and do reflect upon KRFH management or HSU (though I would hope that they love it, too!).

Bush debate performance tops

Dear Editor:

Contrary to all expectations, George W. Bush showed in the second debate that he was indeed a forward-looking leader capable of rethinking old positions and accepting change when necessary.

That he would boldly and without hesitation denounce the *Dred Scott v. Sanford* decision, this in spite of the racial attitudes of his electoral base, makes clear to the world that this is a man with the courage to publicly condemn

the slavery of the 19th century and the vision to move into and embrace the racial attitudes of the 20th century.

It is with renewed respect and profound curiosity that I await his performance in the third debate, during which one can only hope he will make equally clear his position on *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

(I think I know where he stands, but hey, I've been wrong before.)

Ronald O. Richards
Los Angeles

To lube or not to lube when playing in water

Melinda Myers
Guest Column

Is it safe to have sex in water? My partner and I haven't tried it in a hot tub because we weren't sure it was safe...we're trying to avoid physical problems such as a urinary tract infection.

I love questions like this. They make for interesting discussions! If you're planning on frequenting a local, public establishment, you're going to be sharing water with lots of other sexually behaving folks, and that might make you or your sweetie a little squeamish. (Ok, I'm projecting, but nonetheless it's worth thinking about!)

Public hot tubs use lots and lots of chlorine to kill any critters that might be floating around. But there isn't anything particularly dangerous about that. If you're fortunate enough to have your own tub, you can moderate that and use alternative means of keeping the water clean.

If by "is it safe to have sex" you mean is it safe to engage in penis-vagina sexual intercourse in a hot tub, the answer is yes, but it can be uncomfortable.

A woman's natural lubrication will wash away pretty easily under those circumstances, creating a friction-filled

experience more likely to be remembered for its discomfort than its novelty. I think it's kind of like shaving one's sexual parts though; everybody just has to try it once!

Some people find that quality water-based or silicone-based lubes help because they reduce irritation and friction. If your partner has a tendency to get frequent urinary tract infections, soaking in a hot tub probably isn't the best idea, and penetrative sex in a hot tub is probably a really bad idea.

Some women can't take baths at all without getting a UTI. If this is the case for your sweetie, skip the underwater antics. If she can take a bath without getting a UTI, you might be able to make underwater sex work by using a good silicone lube. Try Eros or ID Millennium for example, both are condom compatible, and easy to find.

The reason the silicone lubes work well for this is that, while they are water-soluble (eventually), they stay on much longer under water, allowing for a more comfortable experience. On the flip side, because it takes longer for a body to clean itself of these lubes, they aren't the best choices for folks prone to vaginal infections like yeast or bacterial vaginosis.

Some women (mostly over 30) have told me that lubes can mess with the pH in the vagina, making it a more hospitable environment for the unfriendly fauna. If this is a problem for your lover, you might try something like Liquid Silk, which contains a small amount of silicone along with other water-based ingredients. This might do the trick, without the consequence.

Lots of people love the silicone lubes, and for activities involving other body parts (which I'll leave to your imagination) they're the bomb.

One last word of caution, hot tubs are also hot (Duh!) which can cause an increase in both of your body temperatures. Be sure you're hydrated (with water, not alcohol) and climb out if you're getting too warm.

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Bush's stem cell policy cripples health care

Luis Molina
Production Manager

Meticulously, the federal government has taken the scalpel away from the doctor's hands and left its citizenry in peril.

In the 1960s then-governor Ronald Reagan privatized California's mental institutions in an effort to have "community care." In the 1980s as president he privatized the national health-care system as a parsimonious attempt to recover the economy.

The decision flooded the streets with beggars who were under the supervision of medical or psychological caregivers before the privatized healthcare system.

Millions of Americans don't have healthcare insurance. Millions more don't have adequate insurance because of the ill-fated decision.

The 1960s decision began a downward spiral that has left the United States as the tatterdemalion of the medical world.

The 1980s left the United States' population starving for a proper healthcare system in which hospitals are not constantly closing due to lack of funding or vaccines are not missing because of a British error. The population needs health care at a reasonable price if not by gratuity.

Americans have been left to the draconian care of HMO-type organizations. The Supreme Court denied Americans who work for the state the ability to sue for ineffectual care by one of these organizations. Now only states have the right to sue. The machination of frugal Reganomics coincided

with President George W. Bush's fatidic desire to please his congregation (let it be the Republican Party or his faith) on Aug. 9, 2001, and sent one of the best weapons doctors have to battle refractory ailments into a hiatus.

A stem cell, as a primitive cell, has the ability to be coaxed into most of the 220 cells found in the human body.

According to the National Institute of Health Web site, more than 100 million Americans suffer from disease — heart diseases, strokes, spinal cord injuries, diabetes, two forms of arthritis, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and certain types of cancers — that could be better treated if not cured with stem cells.

Bush's policy didn't completely efface the use of federal funds for stem-cell research. According to the National Institute of Health, the government will grant funds if the destruction process of the embryo began prior to Aug. 9, 2001, at 9 p.m. The stem cells must be an ancillary of an embryo created for reproduction process that is no longer needed.

Informed consent must be granted to researchers without remuneration to donors. Under Bush's policy, only 72 existing stem-cell lines, which are the extracted copies of a stem cell, could be researched. As of May 2003, only 11 of those lines can actually be studied.

Doctors can freeze the lines and store them indefinitely. The rest are useless because they have conflated into similar lines.

It would be naive to believe

stem cells don't have any setbacks. Besides the destruction of the embryo, bioethics encompasses many issues in the realm of stem cells. Human tampering in the form of deciding a child's eye color, sex and so on are possibilities.

Plastic surgery nowadays allows anyone with enough money to buy a new nose. The benefits of stem cells — such as treating the illness discussed earlier — would allow more people to live a healthy life. That outweighs any desire to give someone's child blue eyes.

For more than 40 years, doctors have used adult stem cells from bone marrow to treat bone-marrow problems.

Embryonic stem cells are dif-

ferent from adult stem cells in terms of developmental potential. Portions of the people in the pro-life movement believe it's an abortion and therefore murder to destroy a days-old embryo.

I am pro-choice because of a trenchant credence in genetics and the individual's right to be solely in command of her life because the future can be cruel and uncertain.

Bush quashed any attempts to study the effects and/or benefits of stem-cells as a method to treat refractory medical ailments. The British and the Australian governments fund and advocate stem-cell research as a treatment.

The United Kingdom, Cana-

da and Australia bestow universal health care on their populations.

In a twist of irony and advocacy, Reagan's decade-long agonizing death might have been prevented with stem cells. If Proposition 61 would have passed prior to his demise, the effects of stem cells could have been studied and applied to him as a cure.

Now his family, led by his widow Nancy Reagan, is mounting a pro-stem-cells campaign in hopes that Bush relaxes his stances on the issue. Michael Reagan, the deceased president's son, does not condone stem-cell research and will be a pro-lifer until his death.

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HOW MANY UNTIL IT COUNTS?

I'm too busy to care. It's a futile effort. Why should I? It doesn't make a difference.

SHUT UP AND VOTE.

By Jason Major

Idiot box generation?

Shyama Kuver
Staff writer

I recently heard the Generation-Y age group, those born between 1977 and 1994, referred to as the "Idiot Box Generation." I wondered if we were.

In many of my classes the topic has been the effect media has on children. Some say we grew up with television as our "babysitter," but my babysitter's name wasn't Toshiba or Sony.

Everyone wants to point a finger in the other direction. The NRA, parents or video games are blamed for children's attention spans, their aggression and their weight.

I'm really tired of everyone putting the blame on parents for kids being at home watching television. I believe that too much television can sometimes be

harmful to our nation's children but let's look at the bigger picture, why are kids watching so much TV?

The comment that TV can be a babysitter is true in some ways. A lot of us grew up either in single-parent homes and many of us who didn't, had both of our parents working, which meant more time to ourselves...or with the latest episode of "X-Men" or "The Simpsons."

I wish someone would come out with a study that really determines how much TV kids are watching, but it would probably be impossible. We have all these studies about kids who watch too much television turning into obese 50-year-olds who never leave the house.

A group of researchers from the University of Otago in New Zealand issued the results of a study that they believe verifies the long-term effects of too much television viewing in children. The researchers followed about 1,000 children born in 1972 and 1973 from the ages of 5 and 15. Every two years they were asked how much television they watched.

Those who watched more had the most health problems—including smoking, becoming obese and having high cholesterol.

Robert Hancox, one of the study's investigators said to The Lancet newspaper, "Parents should limit children's viewing to one to two hours per day."

I watched a lot of TV growing up—a lot more than one hour a day. I don't watch as much as I'd like to now, but I also believe that the quality of television has gone down a bit. I had a fine balance growing up, of television and play time.

Both of my parents worked, so I wasn't always allowed to go outside when they weren't home. Growing up in a city like San Francisco means

not having an after school program to keep you from either the streets or, according to researchers, television.

Many parents and communities don't have the resources or time to keep children involved in other activities.

"In terms of our values we need to reevaluate them," said Bettye Elmore, professor of psychology at HSU. "In terms of what our children are watching, we need to know what it is."

How can we continue to blame TV and parents for what is happening to our nation's children? Obesity rates are increasing almost annually while confidence levels drop by the hour. Is it just TV?

I'm really tired of everyone putting the blame on parents for kids being at home watching television.

Our country does give money to parents, but the truth is welfare is hard for most to get out of. Parents have to work extra hard

to keep up with life in America.

"A lot of parents have a routine down," said Elmore. "Give [the child] a bath and read a story. Parents just don't have that kind of time anymore to actually sit down and go over the 123s and the ABCs."

Countries like Germany give parents something called a kinder stipend, which allows for one parent to stay home and look after their children. Another thing that European countries offer parents is universal day care and universal health insurance for mental and physical problems.

The problem could be parents and TV, depending on the situation and what the child is watching. TV and parenting are part of the package. We can't point the finger at them because that's just one layer.

Our government needs to pour money into education in order to have the ability to offer excellent schools in every neighborhood, not just the suburbs. Families need to be able to rely on community support, not just schools but community centers and affordable day care as well.

To raise happy, healthy kids America needs to offer people jobs that allow for private-family lives. It can't ask for 12-hour-days where parents don't have the time, or, because they too are human, the patience.

Parents love their children, they work hard for them and they provide the best they can under the circumstances they deal with.

Parents can't change much of what they do because our society doesn't give them much room to do so.

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Idleness in media learned early on—just look at us

Karen Wilkinson
Features Editor

For the many and major errors The Lumberjack has inflicted upon the campus and community in the past, this fine publication has consistently done one thing local and mainstream media have failed to do—piss people off.

Raising eyebrows is one thing we do consistently and do well. A college newspaper that never pushes the envelope or triggers public outcry isn't doing its job.

If The Lumberjack is good for one thing, it occasionally reports accurate stories—detrital cuts to the Health Center and unbalanced cuts in the athletics department that leave the track and field program crippled. And all with little cooperation from school officials.

Asking hard questions and receiving an honest, direct and truthful response from an administrator is like winning the lottery—something we all dream of but deep in our hearts, know has no base in reality.

Why are readers so surprised when we do something shocking? At some point the public forgot the media strives to tell the public what the powers that be don't want them to hear.

Stories covering campus crime, misconduct by administrators or students and divisive events are inescapable. Exposure is essential to keep the administration in check and inform readers.

It's difficult for a college paper to cover corruption in a university setting, challenge administrators to speak directly or use its inherent power to report

It's an unfortunate state when an HSU student can earn a bachelor's degree in news-editorial without having written a published story.

Many young journalists shy away from digging up dirt that has the potential to damage the school's reputation, especially when intimidating officials are doing all in their power to evade answering questions that may, dare I say it, be challenging.

But that's where the fun factor comes in.

In California we have a safety net that not many other states do—the Legislature expressly prohibits the censorship of the public school press, at every level of education.

Here at The Lumberjack prior restraint and censorship does not exist—only the students involved see the product before publication.

But student journalists are inadvertently censored through subtle pressures by administrators—to cover religion and alcohol and drug abuse more. They would like us to write less about sex and turn a blind eye to hot issues. In a way we suppress ourselves by allowing these messages to permeate our journalistic judgement.

A repressive atmosphere on campus produces destructive self-censorship, hindering everyone's right to know. In the long-run this harms all—the young, curious journalist who someday may work for a large news organization and the newspaper's readers who rely upon the reporter to do his or her job well.

But the top dogs aren't the only ones to blame. Just ask them, they'll tell you. They're just doing their job—talking in circles in hopes

the young muckraking reporter will give up or be discouraged into submission. And it works—but not on everyone.

Many school administrators in other states, confronted by student editors and reporters who fearlessly test the boundaries, have reacted through censorship in recent months.

A community college in Kansas fired its paper's advisor after she defied an order not to run a letter criticizing the school's basketball coach.

Long Island University in New York had the locks on its student newspaper room changed, locking its staff out and suspended its editor for investigative reporting that exposed the failing grades of a former student government president who had mysteriously resigned.

La Roche College, a Catholic school in Pittsburgh, seized 900 copies of its school paper in which a columnist dared to advocate, "Condoms and other forms of contraception could eliminate unwanted babies out of wedlock."

Students eventually learn to stop making waves, especially at private universities where constitutional freedoms, such as the first amendment, often are dismissed and given little credibility.

Outraged that his campus came out in support of gay marriage last February, the president of the Baptist Baylor University in Texas publicly condemned its campus newspaper for taking an editorial position contrary to Southern Baptist beliefs.

The president seethed in the next edition of

The Baylor Lariat, "Espousing in a Baylor publication a view that is so out of touch with traditional Christian teachings comes dangerously close to violating university policy."

If colleges dissuade student reporters from investigating

heavy-handed interests while in school, how can they be expected to dissect comparable political sleaze after graduating?

Considering the unfailingly meek questions spewed from the mainstream media and the "have a nice day" approach to journalism, reverence and inoffensiveness are lessons learned early on that have clung with much of our media. I.e. FOX News.

There is a direct correlation between stagnant college reporting and laziness in professional newsrooms. If students were held to the highest standards of excellence throughout their schooling, the quality of mainstream media would reflect such.

We've been walking through an institutionalized complacency training course. It's an unfortunate state when an HSU student can earn a bachelor's degree in news-editorial without ever having written a published story. Impossible? Oh, it can be done. Selling ads for the department's "literary magazine" and working for the radio station is all it takes to skate by.

The bar is dangerously low. Maybe it's time to hold the department to superior standards. But wait, that would be asking hard questions. And what have we learned from that?

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A handful of HSU players get ready to hit the field for practice at the Arcata Ballpark. Active players include Tim Chavez (second from left), Will Wade, Oliver Ruiz, Brady Moran (third from right), Dan Meewis and David Barrett.

Ray Aspuria

Club still swinging for fences after 11 years

Comeback attempt falls short as baseball team loses to CR 6-8

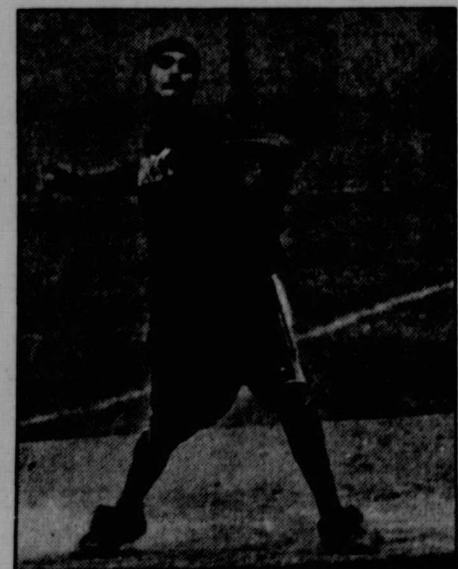
Ray Aspuria
Staff writer

The gray and cloudy weather set a perfect backdrop.

The crowd was in the stands cheering for their respective teams, hoping they would come out victorious.

Despite the audience support, a fiery comeback attempt fell short on Thursday as the HSU Baseball Club fell 6-8 to the College of the Redwoods baseball team.

Despite the loss, catcher and coach Brady Moran was encouraged by the score at the end of the



Ray Aspuria

Oliver Ruiz winds up to throw to second base during practice.

game.

"Games against CR aren't as close as this," Moran said. "We went from losing by 12 to just two."

Errors and simple mistakes cost the 'Jacks the game in crucial moments.

"We could have played better," Morgan said.

"We could have swung the bats better and limited mental mistakes."

Pitcher Justin Moore threw all nine innings in the loss.

"It was my first complete game," Moore said. "I felt decent. Their hits found the gaps, but our team buckled down and kept the pressure on."

Moore's father, who was in attendance at the game, said it was fun watching his son pitch his first complete game.

The 'Jacks are currently 5-3 on the season.

The 'Jacks fell behind early in the first inning as College of the

Redwoods scored a pair of runs breaking the zero-zero deadlock.

But the 'Jacks rallied right back with a single by Tommy Bono that brought in a 'Jacks base runner, making the score 1-2.

Moore struck out the second CR batter in the second inning but he hit the next batter. The fol-

lowing batter hit a single that brought one runner in, making the score 1-3.

The fourth inning was a bevy of runs for CR, as errors by the 'Jacks made

the score 1-5.

Errors continued to plague the team in the sixth inning as a simple throw from second to first base turned ugly. The throw was too low to catch and a CR runner came in to score making it 1-7.

In the seventh the 'Jacks' offense showed signs of life as a hit by Tim Chavez brought in a run and a hit by Moran brought in another run, making the score 3-7.

CR was able to score again

in the eighth but the 'Jacks fired back, making the score 4-8.

The 'Jacks held CR scoreless in the ninth and mounted an offensive flurry as hits and runs came in, making the score 6-8, but it was a little too late.

The final 'Jacks batter hit a fly ball that landed in a CR fielder's glove to end the game.

CLUB HISTORY

HSU's baseball club has been fielding players for 11 years, and the team is made up of students with various backgrounds in baseball.

Coach Moran and assistant coach Dan Meewis have been the leaders for the last two years.

The club currently has 26 students on the roster and 18 are active players for the team.

Meewis noted that it's very easy for students interested in joining the club and playing for the team to simply enroll into the PE class.

"Students interested need to sign up for the class, PE 289, pay the insurance fees, and simply take the class," Meewis said.

He added that students who don't know how to play baseball shouldn't be discouraged from signing up and taking the class.

This year, players had to pay a team total of \$75 in order to purchase team hats and T-shirts.

Meewis said the school gives the club funding for travel expenses, such as rental cars, gas and hotel rooms.

The club's season spans from the fall semester into the spring semester. The team plays a network of other clubs both locally and out of state, including teams in California, Washington, Utah and Oregon.

Meewis said it's difficult for the club to get many games during the fall because other colleges have yet to start their baseball programs.

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Brady Moran
HSU baseball coach and catcher

Dan Meewis
assistant baseball coach

HISTORY: interest growing in team

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He added the difference between this year's team and teams of the past is that more players are signing up for the class.

"We've got more talent coming out," Meewis said. "When I first started with the baseball team, no one knew about it."

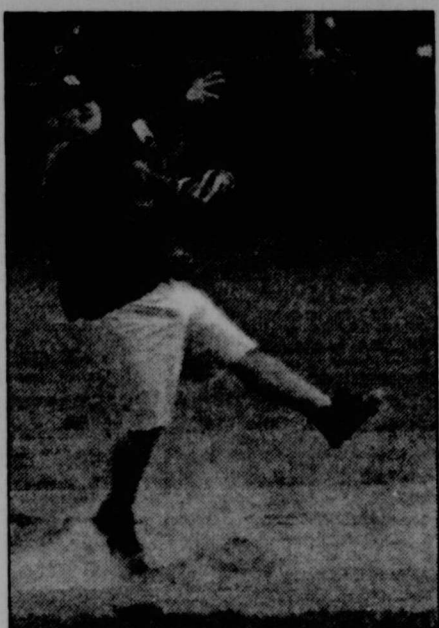
This year the team is trying to get students to notice the team and hopefully get more players on the squad.

"We just started talking about the team on the radio station at school and I've been posting up flyers around campus myself," Meewis said.

He also said that people who are interested in the club should come out and watch the team play their games or come and attend one of their practices.

The team holds both their practices and games at the Arcata Ballpark. They practice on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in the



Ray Aspuria

Tim Chavez snaps the ball to first base during drills at practice.

club can contact Moran at 822-2723 or e-mail him at mbm18@humboldt.edu. Meewis can be reached at 840-9181 or by e-mail at dsm21@humboldt.edu.

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'Jacks can't pull out wins Volleyball drops to 2-14 on season

Everson Corrigan
Staff writer

The Lumberjack women's volleyball team put up two strong fights last week but weren't able to score the wins.

Led by Head Coach Sue Woodstra, the 'Jacks played the Western Washington Vikings on Thursday. The Vikings, who have done well this season compiling a record of 10-4, were determined not to go home without a victory. The 'Jacks played well as a team but lost the first game 27-30.

In the second game the 'Jacks got off to a good start with strong attacks from sophomore outside hitter Courtney Lee and sophomore middle blocker Erin Phillips. However, their momentum was soon lost and the Vikings took full advantage. After a few kills and digs the Vikings took the lead and finished the game 16-30.

The 'Jacks came out of half time and played like a well-oiled machine. Senior outside hitter Jessica Murray made some crucial blocks, as did sophomore middle blocker and Arcata native Kristen Kinzer. Halfway into the third game Phillips made an impressive and forceful kill into the face of Viking libero Brianna Murray.

The Vikings put an end to the possibility of the 'Jacks winning the match after pulling off a close 25-39 game.

"We're just starting to get bet-

ter. We have so many good additions this year," Woodstra said.

The 'Jacks went into their match on Saturday against the Seattle Pacific Falcons with a record of 2-13 and in need of another win. Like the game on Thursday, it would be an uphill battle filled with on and off the court excitement.

The Falcons pulled together to get a lead in the first game but this was interrupted by an HSU fan with a horn. Falcons middle blocker Katie Ralph had a problem with that. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that the horn, an "artificial noise-maker," was not allowed, especially when blown during a serve.

Again 'Jacks players began to work well together in the second game. Phillips made some excellent blocks regaining possession of the ball. Just when the Falcons thought they had heard the last of the horn, it was blown again. This time, in accordance with athletic policy, it was confiscated.

HSU senior Andrew Burrows said his horn is "the magical flute that keeps blowing for the volleyball girls."

The second game ended with the 'Jacks losing 26-30. Not letting the two losses get to them, the 'Jacks struck back with all they had and took the lead in the

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third game. Freshman setter Ashley Jucksch made many assists and Murray finished them off with one of her 11 kills. The Falcons got out of their slump and landed some key kills. After tying the 'Jacks 17-17, the Falcons took control and finished the 'Jacks off 22-30. The 'Jacks now have a record of 1-8 in the GNAC and 2-14 overall.

"We're continually trying to clean up our play and doing it consistently," Woodstra said.

The 'Jacks hit the road this week to take on Western Oregon, before returning home on Oct. 28 to play Western Washington at 7 p.m. in the East Gym.

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Friday, Oct. 15

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Saturday, Oct. 16

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12:45 p.m.

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Monmouth, Ore., 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 17

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Men's Soccer vs.
Dominican
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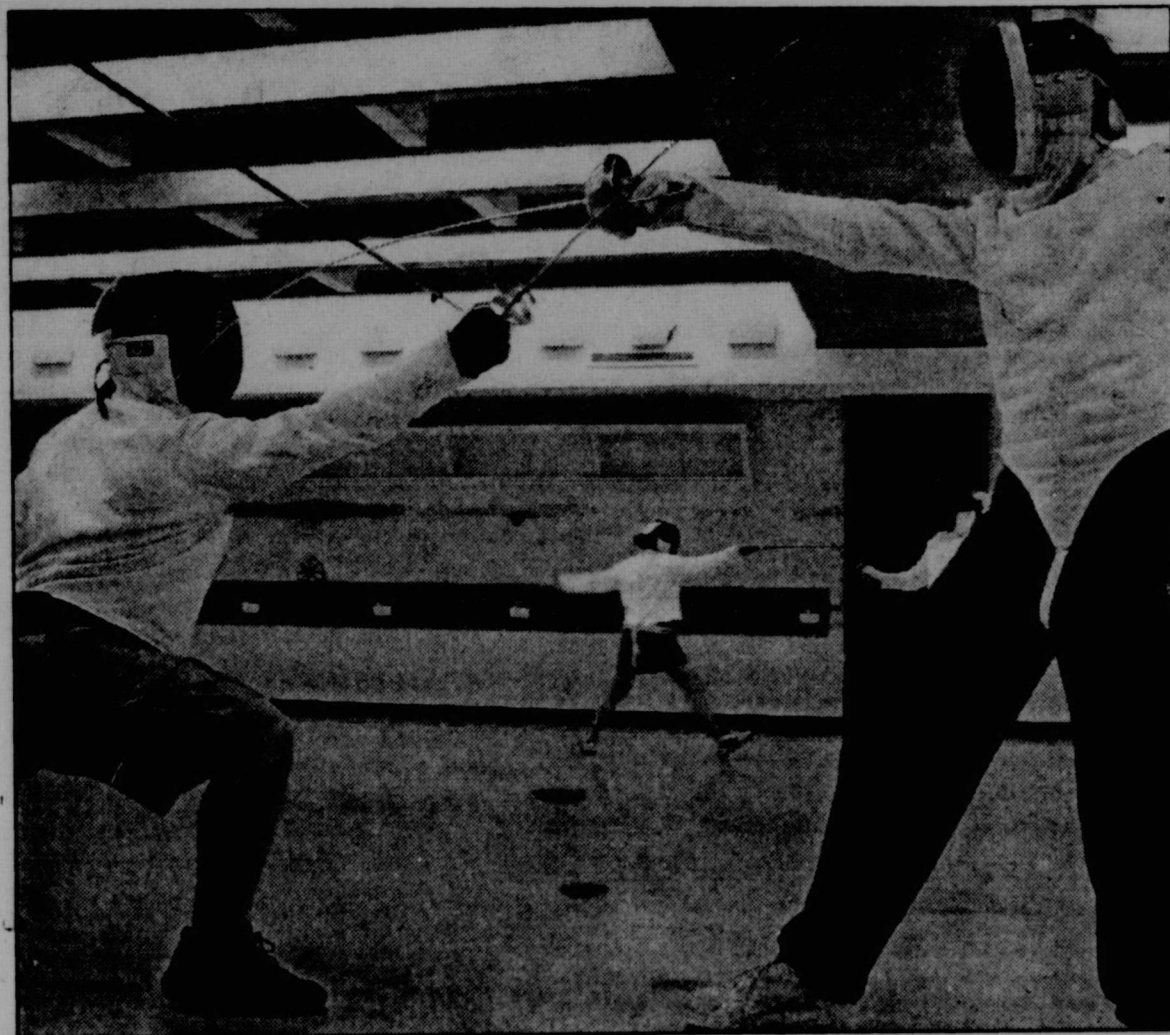
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HSU fencing students spar in a class last week in Forbes Complex. The club has been active on campus for at least 20 years and continues to grow in popularity nationwide.

Tyson Ritter

Fencing club strikes back

Tyson Ritter
Staff writer

You stand toe to toe with your opponent. You can't see her face through her face mask, but you know her eyes are staring intently back at you, watching your body and the weapon that you hold up to hers.

A quick step and the point of your opponent's rapier is heading straight for your heart. Remembering your training, you twist your wrist and catch her blade with yours, and just as fast as you were in danger, you are out.

Now you spot an opening and strike, your rapier flexing as the tip pushes against your opponent's chest. A kill!

Not literally, but you do win the match.

"I want to teach fencing in the traditional sense," said Antone Blair, HSU fencing club instructor. "I want to expose people to another side of European culture."

Blair has been the fencing instructor here for the last four years, and his approach to fencing is not quite mainstream.

"I don't teach the modern method of fencing, the kind you

see in the Olympics," Blair said. "I teach traditional style, the style that was in favor around the same time as Shakespeare."

Blair's approach to fencing is similar to that of martial arts. In fact, Blair refers to fencing as "European martial art."

"Fencing is very much a self-discipline, a lot of people come in here and expect something cute and fun—to play with swords," Blair said. "Those people often-times end up leaving because it turns out to be more work than they thought it would be."

Jessie Floto, an art senior and active member of the fencing club, agrees with Blair's teaching method. "The self-discipline I learn here transfers to other areas in my life. It helps me focus," Floto said.

Floto also studies knife fighting under Blair. "Knife fighting is more of a self-defense than fencing," Floto said. "I really can't see myself stop fencing or knife fighting any time soon."

Like many of the students he now teaches, Blair began fencing in college, but he didn't have the luxury of learning from an instructor.

"I learned fencing initially through a club at my college," Blair said. "It was sort of student-to-student instruction which re-

ally isn't the best way to learn."

Blair was the most active member, and soon found his interest in fencing drifting to more traditional techniques. In 2001, he attended a seminar by Ramón Martínez, a teacher of classical and historical fencing. Blair makes the trip to Martínez's New York academy a few times a year to participate in what he calls a "long distance apprenticeship."

"Fencing, the club, and the fact they were studying traditional style was one reason I decide to come here," Floto said.

"Traditional fencing differs from modern fencing in a few fundamental ways," Blair said. "In modern fencing you try to get as many 'scores' as possible without much regard to your own safety. Traditional fencing is more cautious, you need to be defensive as well as offensive, as if the weapons were real."

In traditional fencing, a hit in the torso is called a kill. If someone records a kill they win. If they hit an arm it is called a wound. Three wounds equal a kill.

The HSU fencing club has been around for at least 20 years and continues to be a popular sports club at HSU.

For more information on the club, contact Blair at 826-0573.

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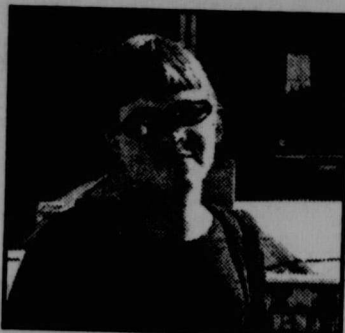
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"Gov. Schwarzenegger
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Name: Nicole Alvarado

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Name: Erik Cuevas

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"Timothy Leary because
the world needs acid."



James Egan



James Egan

(top left and right) Mariko Amekodomo of E.L.F.S. spins records during a Sept. 23 Local Lixx performance.



Morgan Johnson

(bottom left) Gigi Love played pop-country tunes from her latest album "Turning to Gold" last Thursday. Kelli Green, not shown, sang back up for Love during the performance.

Little radio show doing big things KRFH sends local talent out into cyberspace

Tiffany Newton
Staff Writer

It's 7:30 p.m. and broadcast journalism senior, James Ingenluyff is sitting in the small, cramped KRFH sound booth. Covered in band stickers and packed with equipment, the booth is hardly the size of a walk-in closet but is the setting for a unique radio program known as "Local Lixx."

While the majority of the shows on KRFH (Radio Free Humboldt) are simply free-format radio programs where student disc jockeys take requests and play everything from classical to rap, Local Lixx performs a specific function. Every Thursday at 8 p.m., Local Lixx puts the spotlight on a local band and gives them a chance to perform live on the radio.

The current Local Lixx team consists of 11 crew members including Ingenluyff who manages the show as well as booking all the performers. A rotation of three crew members set up each show. It's their job to set up and "mic" each performance. "Mic-ing" involves placing microphones strategically to capture the best acoustics for each individual performance and linking each microphone to a multi-channel soundboard. This can be a challenge, considering the lack of space.

than 16 years ago, said the goal of the Local Lixx program was to invite local acts into the studio to give them a chance to perform for a wider audience. The show lets local bands and DJs get on the air and strut their stuff. It is also a learning experience for the Local Lixx team.

"Local Lixx is a 'live' program which requires much pre-production planning to succeed," Melton said. "Students involved in such live projects get a sense of what is required and expected in the professional world of radio/audio production."

In addition to broadcasting on campus, KRFH streams live on the Internet at www.krfh.net where anyone in the world can listen. The Web site also has links to all of the Local Lixx performers' Web sites.

"It's really awesome because local bands get a little bit of recognition," Ingenluyff said. This is Ingenluyff's first semester as manager of the show and his third semester being on the Local Lixx team.

"I love participating in and supporting the local music scene," Ingenluyff added. "[Local Lixx] gives local bands a chance to let family and friends from around the world view and listen to them performing live."

Fans have called in to talk to the artists or to request songs from as far away as Chile and Europe, Ingenluyff said. He went

James Ingenluyff
Local Lixx manager

Garrett Melton, the faculty advisor who created KRFH more

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on to say that it's cool when a little sister or a mom calls in to give support to the artist. Interestingly enough, Gigi Love, last Thursday's featured artist, got a call from a friend of hers listening in Kentucky who she hadn't talked to in months.

Local Lixx has had its share of problems. Things can get really hot and cramped when a larger band is playing. Some nights bands spill out into the hall and if you ever go to watch a performance it's standing room only. There are no air conditioners in Gist 105 where KRFH is located and the number of people coupled with all the electronic equipment make for a sweltering situation. Many performers have had issues with the heat, especially drummers who end up dripping sweat. When an artist or band fails to show up, a DJ will take over for the hour of the show.

Past performers have ranged from the E.L.F.S., a group of feminist DJs, to Entheogen, a heavy metal band. This past week's performers, Gigi Love and Kelli Green, were a mix of Sheryl Crow's writing talents and classic country twang. Local Lixx has also hosted Z-man, Olga Narrows, Shaking Hands and Hakim-a-Barber in the past. Local performers from singers to storytellers and poets are welcome to be on the show. Ingenluyff said future shows will feature Thanksgiving Brown, Dragged by Horses and Ian Fays.

As in past years, there will be a "Best of Local Lixx" CD available at the end of this semester, featuring one song from each of the semester's performers. The CD will cost \$3 to \$5 with all proceeds going to KRFH and the cost of producing the CD. KRFH uses proceeds from fundraisers such as the "Best of Local Lixx" CD and its annual Battle of the Bands concert to update station equipment and the music library.

Local Lixx is just one of the many shows on KRFH and all students are welcome to get involved in the station. The only prerequisite to JMC 155 (the KRFH workshop) is JMC 154 (Intro to Audio Production) and can be taken concurrently. Ingenluyff will be graduating this December and his successor is yet to be determined. Any artists wanting to perform on Local Lixx should contact James Ingenluyff at jmi7@humboldt.edu or (707)826-9416.

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Monster Trucks roll over Redwood Acres Raceway

Luc Cebulski
Scene Editor



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Thrills, chills and bone-crunching spills are coming to Eureka's Redwood Acres Raceway this Friday, Saturday and Sunday! Sunday! Big names in monster truck racing will soon be mashing up all those cars you thought were donated to charity. Grave Digger, Bull Dozer, Bounty Hunter, Scarlet Bandit and more will be racing, smashing stuff and competing in a freestyle competition that will have 10,000-pound machines doing wheelies and spinning brodies. This is an event that's sure to put hair on your chest and lead in your pencil.

Too much testosterone, you say? This event also features Dawn Creten, driver of the Scarlet Bandit and one of the few women driving in the monster truck circuit. In a profession dominated by men, Creten has made a name for herself. Creten has beaten monster truck great, Grave Digger, twice in one weekend and won an "unprecedented" four consecutive events during a rally in Beaumont, Texas. She's no slouch.

Tickets to the event are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and can be purchased at all North Coast Les Schwab Tire Centers and Ray's supermarkets. Gates open at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday with races starting at 8 p.m. Gates open Sunday at noon with races starting at 2 p.m. On Friday night all children under the age of 12 get a free toy truck and on Sunday all general admission tickets are \$10 with a canned food donation. For more information call (707) 445-3037.

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Alice Cooper haunts Eureka Theatre just in time for Halloween

Luc Cebulski
Scene Editor

Before Marilyn Manson was a little baby Satan worshiper and before Rob ever heard of a Zombie, Alice Cooper was freaking parents out across the nation. Now, after establishing himself as a dark streak on the history of rock n' roll, the original shock rocker is coming to the Eureka Theatre next Tuesday.

The tour in support of his new album "The Eyes of Alice Cooper" has already made its way through Canada and is now moving down the West Coast.

Alice Cooper, born Vincent Damon Furnier in Detroit, Mich., is the son of a minister, surprisingly enough. Originally, it was the band, not the man, that was named "Alice Cooper" after a woman who was persecuted for being a witch in the 17th century. When the band split there was a court battle to determine who had the right to use the name. Instead of waiting for the courts to decide, Vincent Furnier had his name legally changed to "Alice Cooper," thus ending the dispute.

In addition to his music career, Cooper has been in several films, including "Wayne's World," and a made for TV movie called "The Nightmare," which was based on his album "Welcome To My Nightmare" and co-starred Vincent Price.

The Eureka Theatre should be a particularly cool venue to see an Alice Cooper show. He's known for his theatrical performances and the venue is small enough that it's almost impossible to get a bad seat.

With the show being so close to Halloween, a costume contest will be held and the winner will get to meet Alice Cooper backstage. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 main-floor seating or \$45 VIP seating (first 10 rows) and are still available at The Works and The Metro.

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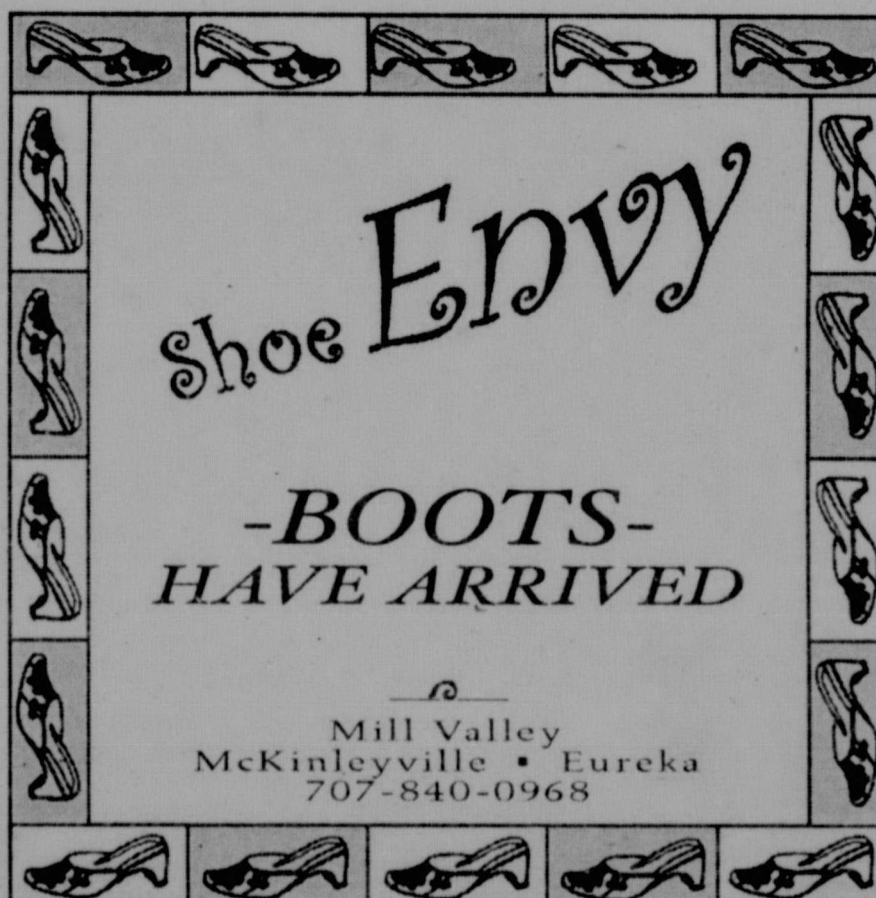
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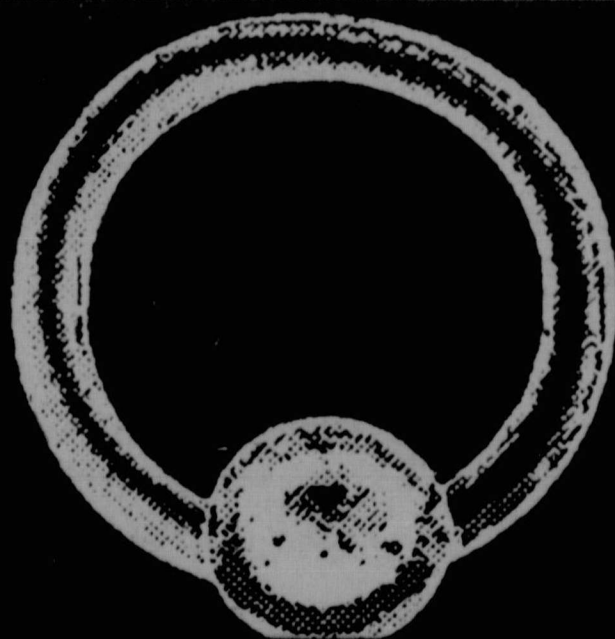
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Album: Super D EP

Artist: Ben Folds

James Egan

Editor

Four years after parting ways with power trio Ben Folds Five, (the unorthodox bass-drum-piano alt-rock combo responsible for '97's airwave-flooding single "Brick") Ben Folds seems determined to make it back into the limelight, and this time he wants to do it by himself.

And Ben Folds by himself is all you'll hear in his new solo EP "Super D,"—the multi-instrumentalist plays all the parts himself. This means that it comes out sounding like a whole band-o-Ben. He even does his own backup vocals.

And herein lies the problem.

Not only does this make Fold's new material impossible to recreate on stage without the use of advanced cloning technology, but also robs his music of flavor. The fact that Folds has ditched the sound effects and heavy distortion of his last solo outing "Rockin' the Suburbs" to go for a more minimalist approach only makes it worse. Now there's nothing to mask the cold, mathematical sound of a band comprised entirely of one guy. Fold's unique songwriting ability and impressive musical proficiency aren't enough to keep his new material from sounding sterile. The songs sound just too perfect and clean.

Folds found success with Ben Folds Five because the music was a unique combination of styles. The drummer was into jazz, the bassist was into metal, and Ben's songwriting and piano skills somehow fused it all together.

When it's just Ben, there's no

grit, no diversity of styles. It almost sounds like music you would hear wafting through the PA at Safeway, if you ignore the cursing.

This is not to say it's a bad EP. In fact, it's damn good.

Original songs "Adelaide" and "Rent a Cop" prove that Folds hasn't lost his gift for writing simple, catchy music with witty, thoughtful lyrics. Both songs exhibit the character sketch format that Folds' fans have grown familiar with.

"Adelaide," a drum-driven track with vocals that convey restrained emotion that is released through powerful instrumental outbursts, is the real gem of this album.

Unfortunately, the energy of "Super D" is hampered by "Kalamazoo," the third original track on the EP, which lacks a guiding rhythm and stumbles over its own complexity. The energy is further sapped by low-octane covers of The Darkness' "Get Your Hands Off of My Woman," (Yep you heard me—Ben Folds covered the Darkness) and Ray Charles' "Them That Got," a live performance in which Ben admits to not knowing the song in its entirety.

If you're a Folds fan then this album is worth checking out. If not, it would probably be best to wait until he combines "Super D" with two other recently released EPs for a full album release.

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An Ocean of one

Everson Corrigan—staff writer

As a California native the Pacific Ocean was always calling her in. Determined to surf after being told not to by an ex-boyfriend, Candace Lewis wasn't about to let anything or anyone keep her from catching that one special wave.

Lewis, a 22-year-old psychology senior at HSU, went out and bought her first surfboard four years ago, a 9'6" that she owns to this day. Over the last few years she has purchased two other surfboards, a 9' and a 6'4".

"The 9'6" is beautiful but the 9'0" rides better," Lewis said.

After graduating from Highland High School in Palmdale, Calif., this vibrant So Cal surfer fell in love with the North Coast. Her love of nature blossomed with her connection to the ocean and the first

"I go out on a bad day and all of a sudden it doesn't matter."

Candace Lewis
HSU psychology senior

time she caught a wave. With her goals in mind, this student plays tough while enjoying the lighter sides of life.

After attending Humboldt State for one year Lewis transferred to study pre-law at Grossmont Junior College in San Diego. Sick of the area, she returned to study wildlife. Lewis now studies psychology with an emphasis in counseling. In the future, she hopes to be a family therapist and help girls with eating disorders.

Initially introduced to Humboldt County by an uncle who has been here since 1962, Lewis, like many others, fell in love with the surrounding natural beauty.

"I don't even surf down [in Southern California] anymore," Lewis said. "It's pretty cool up here."

When not in class or out in the water, Lewis enjoys the other locations this area has to offer. Hiking up Strawberry Rock in Trinidad or just being out in nature helps her to relax and refocus. When life



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Candace Lewis' favorite surfing spots include Strawberry Rock in Trinidad and Moonstone Beach.

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I want to stress that I am supportive of whatever diet readers choose, but I just thought I would let you know that I have another reason to be glad to have discovered meat products are not a necessity.

The onset of puberty is happening much earlier than it's supposed to for many children, especially girls, according to the National Library of Medicine. The NLM says that the reason for this change in age of onset is unknown, but I've heard and read otherwise.

Dana Zuckerman, the executive director at the National Center for Policy Research for Women & Families, wrote in an article for Cornell University's newsletter The Ribbon that "girls who start to develop breasts and pubic hair at age six or seven are not necessarily 'abnormal.' In fact, by their ninth birthday, 48% of African American girls and 15% of white girls are showing clear signs of puberty."

I can only imagine what it must be like for a 9-year-old to try to understand that her body is capable of conceiving. I was still playing with Barbies at nine. I highly doubt I would have been able to be a kid and have one.

It must be so scary for a child to figure out why she is menstruating, not to mention how to use tampons and pads. I had a hard time figuring out what was going on at first, and I was 14.

So why are these unsuspecting little girls having to deal with complicated body mechanics at such vulnerable ages? Well, many different studies show different correlations. All of them may be true, or none of them may be true, but it's up to us to decide what we believe.

Dr. Linda Palmer, author of "Baby Matters" wrote, "Cow's milk has a high fat content, high levels of biologically available hormones and growth factors, and other chemical contaminants from highly medicated cows fed environmental trash (chicken feces and diseased carcasses, for instance). These are all linked to early puberty and proliferation of cancer cells in human reproductive organs."

Palmer also wrote that Hispanic children are less likely to experience the early onset of puberty and cited their prolonged periods of breastfeeding, and more nurturing familial relationships as some of the reasons.

Palmer also correlates early onset to households in which parents are unavailable or unnurturing. She wrote, "Early maturity is an innate survival response to inadequate resources in childhood seen in many mammals."

There are other potential explanations for this

problem—such as obesity or watching too much television. But for some reason something dings in my head when I think about the effects of artificial hormones (like the ones found in pesticides and the ones injected into cows so they produce more milk) in children going through puberty.

To reiterate a point I have already made, I think it is absurd that humans drink milk in the first place. We are the only mammal to drink another mammal's milk regularly, and we are the only ones (that I know of) to drink milk past early childhood.

Another interesting aspect is that the international research firm Datamonitor found that U.S. sales of organic dairy products went from \$133 million in 1996 to more than \$1 billion in 2001. Organic milk isn't supposed to have artificial hormones in it. It just makes me wonder if people are stocking up on the organic stuff out of fear...

So I just have to ask that we start questioning, studying, and investigating what exactly it is we are putting in our food, and if we are willing to pay consequences. Are we really ready to sacrifice the innocence of little girls so that our cows can be able to produce more milk? Think about it.

This week's vegan recipe! Strawberry Cheesecake

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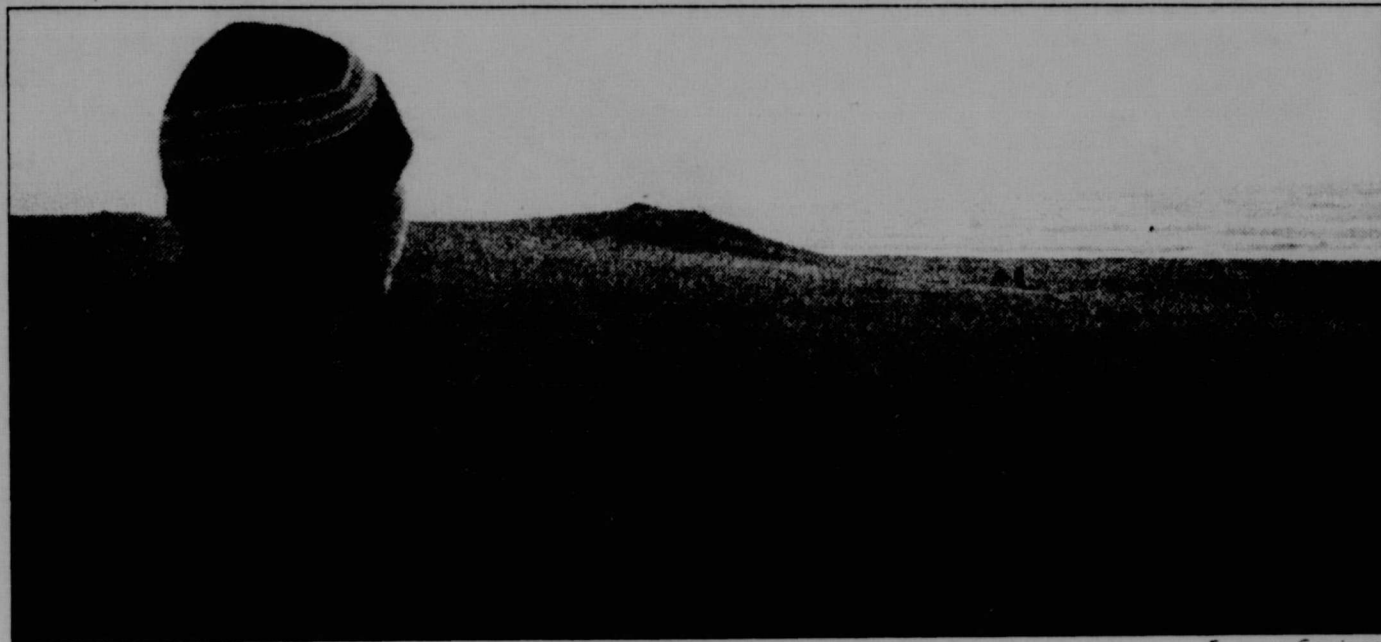
- topping:
- 1 block of silken tofu (you can use firm but will need to blend for longer)
 - 1 pint of strawberries (reserve two or three for garnish)
 - 3 tablespoons of sugar
 - quarter cup of sunflower oil
 - a little soy milk for blending
 - a few drops of vanilla essence or a scoop of vegan vanilla ice cream

base:

- 1 packet of cookies of your choice
- 3 tablespoons of vegan margarine

How-to:

- Whizz all the topping ingredients up in a blender until smooth
- For the base, combine the cookies and margarine in a food processor (or you can crush the cookies and mix with melted margarine)
- Press into a fairly large ovenproof dish (or two small ones whatever seems best for your quantities)
- Pour over the topping and bake at about 400°F for half an hour until the topping is firming.
- Remove from oven and cool.
- Decorate with sliced fresh strawberries and eat.



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gets especially difficult or throws a curve ball, she suits up and heads out to her favorite location, Moonstone Beach.

"I go out [when I'm having] a bad day and all of a sudden, it doesn't matter," Lewis said.

As a female surfer, Lewis has had to deal with some aggressive male surfers down south who didn't think she had what it takes.

Initially these remarks were a "Life is like surfing—it's always changing." driving her to get out again. As a veteran surfer she has a better outlook.

"It doesn't even faze me," Lewis said. "I'm just as equal. I don't have to prove anything to anybody."

Like most surfers, Lewis has had some scary and life-threatening run-ins with the ocean. The one she remembers the most occurred one day while walking out to catch a wave. "All of a sudden the ocean floor dropped off and I got pulled into an undertow," Lewis said. "My friends just stood there and watched. It was great."

The energy that flows between

her, the board and water is reflected in her expressive and highly symbolic tattoos. The one she is most attached to is an iron cross in flames that reminds her of a friend lost too young. Her fairy tattoo represents women, their mysticism and power. The third, a tribal image on the lower back was her first.

Lewis pans the horizon. After checking both directions like a child crossing the street, she runs into the water.

Candace Lewis
HSU psychology senior

Making her way under the waves and further out,

Lewis never looks back. A wave goes by, then another. Finally she reaches the point of no return and paddles hard making contact. The wave is fast enough for the both of them as she pops up and glides through the whitewash. She's ridden many other waves but understands to take them as they come.

"Life is like surfing—it's always changing," Lewis said.

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Lewis looks out on the ocean at Bay Street in Samoa.

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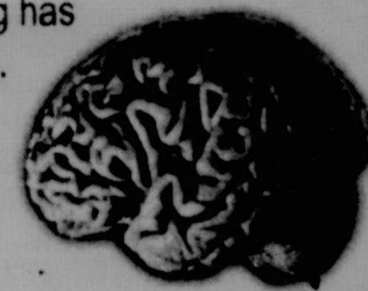
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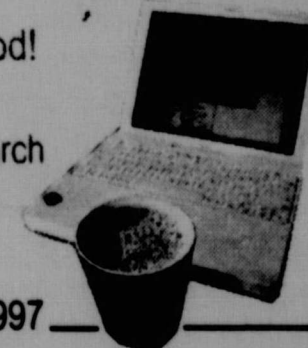
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GMO MEASURE MAY BE A NO-GO

MEASURE M AUTHORS PULL SUPPORT OF INITIATIVE THAT PROPOSES TO MAKE GMO USE CRIMINAL



Elizabeth Hilbig

Nick Tellin
Staff writer

The authors of a voter-initiated ballot measure that would ban genetically modified organisms from being grown in Humboldt County have withdrawn their support for the measure, citing irreparable flaws in the wording of the measure.

A local group called the Humboldt Green Genes organized the November ballot initiative, known as Measure M. Over 5,300 signatures were collected in support of measure, well over the needed amount in order to get on the ballot.

"We knew there were flaws with Measure M to begin with. We initially were going to push for the measure then fix it later," Martha Devine, a cofounder of the Humboldt Green Genes, said.

The mounting list of Measure M retractors includes District Attorney Paul Gallegos, HSU President Rollin Richmond, and the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee.

"Some of the language contained in the measure is inaccurate," said Milt Boyd, the chair of HSU's biology department. The wording about the biology of GMOs in Measure M that is in question is identical to the wording found in a similar measure which passed in Mendocino County.

One example of the inaccuracies Boyd

alluded to is the measure's definition of DNA. The initiative inaccurately defines DNA as a complex protein instead of a nucleic acid, Boyd said.

Mark Wilson, an HSU biology professor, also expressed his concerns over the language concerning DNA contained in the measure.

Living things are made up of four basic molecules: lipids, proteins, carbohydrates,

and nucleic acids. "DNA is nucleic acid, which is nothing like a complex protein. The authors obviously don't understand

biology, and that led to an impractical and unconstitutional measure," Wilson said.

Gallegos has questioned the constitutionality of the measure because of concerns that it will impede on the rights of an individual's due process of law.

According to the language in the initiative, the county agricultural commissioner would have the responsibility of enforcing and arresting violators who could face up to four months in jail if convicted.

The Humboldt County Green Genes

is hoping that a new initiative will be designed in time for the election cycle following this year's that will be legally enforceable and free of errors, Devine said.

"There is indisputable evidence that growing genetically modified food poses a health risk to citizens of Humboldt County," Devine said.

One of the major concerns of the measure's advocates is that cross-pollination will

occur between fields of genetically modified crops and those that are grown GMO-free.

Wilson dismisses claims that GMOs pose a health

risk and called the practice "safe and ecologically sound."

Another sticking point between the Humboldt Green Genes and the HSU biology professors is the definition of what a genetically modified organism is.

Boyd and Wilson both make a strong distinction between genetically modified organisms and genetically engineered organisms. Both biologists said that nearly all vegetables, fruits and other foods have been genetically modified for thousands of

years.

Any time an attempt is made to grow, breed, raise or create an organism with different traits, such as cows that produce more milk or hound dogs with more capable noses, genetic modification has occurred, Wilson said.

Genetically engineering organisms consists of purposefully introducing DNA into one species from another, such as locally grown corn that is immune to herbicides because of genes that have been added to species, Boyd said.

As the current measure is worded, it would be illegal to produce insulin in Humboldt County because of the lack of clarification contained in the measure between genetically modifying or engineering organisms, Boyd said.

Devine dismisses that charge and insists that the measure specifically bans the growing or propagation of GMOs in food products only.

The final of three public debates concerning Measure M will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 27, at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka.

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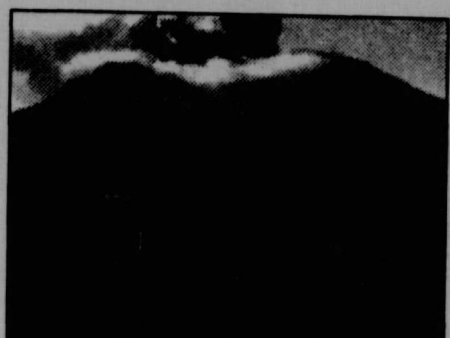


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Mt. St. Helens' unsaintly acts cause fright, excitement

Steaming magma, pluming smoke and pounding earthquakes signal what many believe is an impending explosion of Mount St. Helens.

Tuesday the tip of the mountain flowed with magma, the most significant sign of an inevitable volcanic explosion since the mountain first started rumbling and steaming two weeks.

Gathered around the base of the mountain are scientists, news reporters and tourists, staking out the volcano and waiting to witness history.

For the first time since 1980, when Mount St. Helens erupted and killed 57 people, the mountain is revealing its true destructive nature.

Scientists measured the temperature at 900 to 1100 degrees Fahrenheit yesterday, but reported that it could be weeks before a large eruption occurs.

If an explosion were to occur, many scientists believe the worst damage would come from the spread of thick volcanic ash, which would not be as devastating as the 1980 eruption.

The ash would most likely shoot up this time instead of horizontally as it did in 1980.

Even though an explosion could destroy much of the mountain glacier at the peak, and mudflows could ruin local vegetation, no cities or towns are close enough to be threatened.

Earthquakes have dwindled recently to one every five to 10 minutes and magnitudes of about one. A week ago seismic activity rumbled constantly with magnitudes around four.

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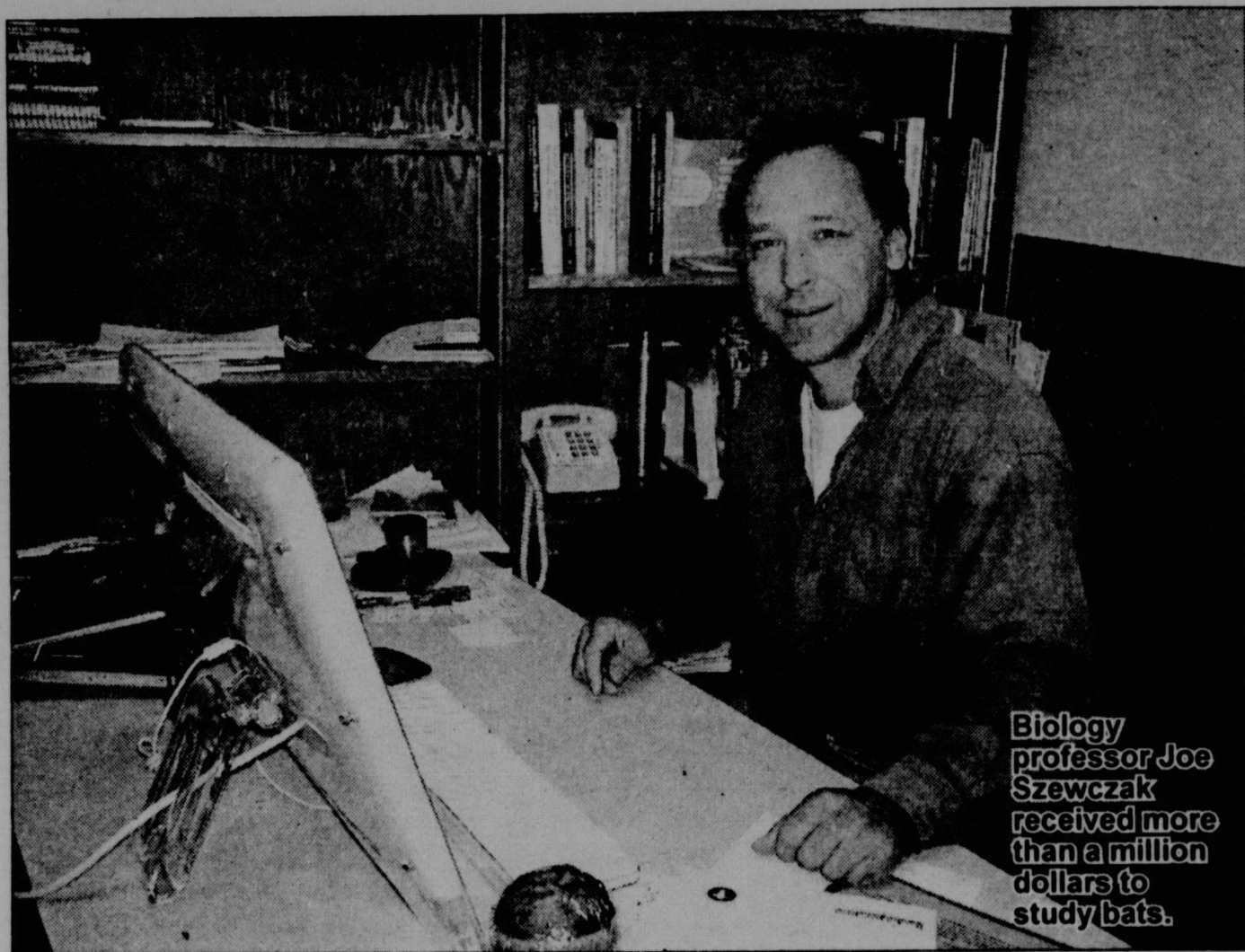
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Biology professor Joe Szewczak received more than a million dollars to study bats.

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HSU professor hones in bats

Szewczak spends time, government money on bat echos

Nick Tellin
Staff writer

HSU biology professor Joe Szewczak has recently received two grants which total over \$1.1 million. The money will help further the research and development of a bat echolocation analysis system through the year 2008.

The monitoring system is capable of digitally recording the high-frequency vocalizations bats produce in order to navigate, said Aaron Corcoran, a graduate student who works with Szewczak. The recordings are then analyzed by a computer program that Szewczak wrote, which identifies what kind of bat is producing a particular vocalization.

Bats have developed a system of emitting sounds and picking up echoes to locate prey, hence the recording system's name, echolocation analysis. Szewczak's software is constantly becoming more and more effective as the number of different vocal patterns used by various bats becomes documented.

Szewczak said the problem is that very little is known about bats; thus it has taken years to collectively record and identify the baseline data necessary to effectively use the software.

Some of the grant money will fund the large amount of field work that is underway obtaining large varieties of different bat species vocalizations.

The scientists capture bats in finely woven mesh nets that are

setup much like volleyball nets, Corcoran said.

After catching a bat, a tracking device is glued to its fur. The bat is released in hopes that it will fly back over and its echolocation call will be recorded. However, Corcoran said the success rate is quite low, as most of the bats fly off and are never heard from again.

Pat Ormsbee, a bat specialist who lives in Eugene, Ore., described a method that is used to track bats statewide. Once caught, acoustic, morphological and genetic data are collected before a bat is released.

"This allows us to validate the presence of a species three ways, if there is any confusion," Ormsbee said.

Ormsbee and Szewczak instruct training sessions for wildlife biologists and use the data collected by the field studies to further their research.

The teams perform field work across the nation and include undergraduate, graduate students, biologists, department of natural resources employees and many other groups and individuals.

Szewczak said most of the fieldwork occurs near wet and wooded areas, due to the high content of food and shelter available for bats.

"It is a large misconception that most bats live in caves," said Szewczak. "Only roughly 15 percent of known bat species world wide inhabit caves."

Although Szewczak is primarily concerned with bats, he said the system "can be used to monitor any species, as long as the species makes some kind of noise."

The two separate grants awarded to Szewczak were funded through a Pentagon project called the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and also by Caltrans. The Pentagon will use Szewczak's technology to reduce the costs associated with monitoring endangered and threatened species on federal lands.

Caltrans envisions the system being used to monitor birds, as well as bats, when assessing environmental and ecological data during project evaluations.

The nationwide application process for the grants started in fall 2002. It took over a year for independent and government scientists to verify the validity of Szewczak's project.

Szewczak graduated from Duke University with a BSE in engineering in 1980 and spent the next four years helping design paper mills in South America. In 1991, Szewczak received a Ph.D. in physiology from Brown University.

"I have been studying bats for 12 years on my own time," Szewczak said. "Now I have an excuse, I am getting paid."

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Feds no longer protect forests

National forests protected by states

James Corcoran
Staff writer

The Bush Administration has proposed to repeal a Clinton-era policy that allows for federal protection of 58.5 million acres, about the area of Alaska, of roadless wilderness land from most commercial development.

The Bush Administration's proposal, called the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, would allow road building and logging to begin in accordance with local forest management plans and establish a process for individual state governors to request different management rules for roadless areas within their respective states.

The president's proposal to repeal the policy would allow States to petition the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service to accept land in their state for roadless wilderness designation.

A roadless wilderness designation is an area of land over 5,000 acres that has little to no impact by man, while national forests can be used commercially and it is often encouraged to do so.

If the Bush proposal is finalized by congress or executive order, there will no longer be nationally protected roadless areas but the federal government still has a

final say on any projects.

HSU political science lecturer Carolyn Frazee has been teaching the roadless rule to her students, "The rationale [of the Bush policy] is local control," said Frazee, "but these forests are national wilderness not state," adding that many of the state governors do not plan to designate areas as roadless.

In the short term, the new policy will likely have little effect on California, which has 4.4 million acres of roadless land spread among its 20.6 million acres of national forests.

The Bush Administration argues that the Clinton policy did not address safety concerns such as roads for fire fighting. However the Clinton Policy allows new roads to be built in specified circumstances, such as to fight fires or in the event that other natural

events threaten public safety.

Louis Blumberg, deputy director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, told the San Francisco Chronicle that California needs to focus on fire-risk reduction. The risk to private property and public safety around communities and in roadless areas is the most significant, Blumberg said.

Environmental science senior Kelli Reddy focuses on ethics and the environment, and is currently enrolled in Frazee's class. "I don't agree with [the Bush Proposal] we need more protection, and we need to have more forest rehabilitation," Reddy said.

Reddy also said the impact of this policy would not be as great in California since a California timber harvest permit will allow the harvest of up to 40 acres while Oregon can go up to 120 acres of a forest with a permit.

The current roadless rule policy recognizes existing permits of land use like for mining or lumber but does not allow new permits.

Frazee remains doubtful that Governor Schwarzenegger will petition for roadless areas in California, since he has a very pro business stance. Frazee added "prevention of further degradation should be the goal, because

you can't undo degradation."

The Department of Agriculture Forest Service extended public comment on the proposal until November 15. All comment must be received in writing.

Frazee stated she is not surprised the Bush Administration pushed back the policy due to lack of public support, adding she would be surprised if Bush is re-elected and this policy is not enacted.

More than 2.5 million public comments have been made in favor of the existing Roadless Area Conservation Rule, and according to the Heritage Forests Campaigns Web site, www.ourforests.org, 95 percent are in favor of the current rule.

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What's At Stake?
Kate Buchanan Room, HSU
1 p.m., free
A panel of HSU faculty will engage in an objective analysis of the upcoming presidential election. All students and faculty are invited.

Native American Community Reception
South Lounge, HSU
5:30 p.m., free
Welcome new Native American studies faculty and meet other students and community members.

2004 Presidential Debate Open House
The Democratic Headquarters, 129 5th St., Eureka
5:30 p.m., free
Watch debate and discuss politics with your neighbors.

Orjazzmic
Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McK.
9 p.m., \$1
Jazzy, Latin and funky instrumental groove.

Old Man Clemins
Mazzotti's, 773 8th St., Arcata
10 p.m., \$5 (21+)
Also featuring Superhelix.

Thursday 14

Zen Meditation
Goodwin Forum (NHE), HSU
10 a.m., free
Meets every Thursday. Facilitated by the Religious Studies Club.

Lactic Acid and Fermented Food Workshop
CCAT, HSU
2 p.m., free
Learn biological processes of fermented food and take home recipes. Call 826-3551 for details.

Mathematics Colloquium
Siemens Hall 128, HSU
4 p.m., free
Pre-colloquium tea at Library 56 at 3:30 p.m. "To Infinity and Beyond: Compare Infinite Sets," by Sonoma State Math Professor Jerry Morris.

Black Community Reception
South Lounge, HSU
5:30 p.m., free
Meet and network with faculty, other students and community members.

Vox: Voice for Planned Parenthood Weekly Meeting
The Depot, HSU
6 p.m., free
Meets every Thursday.

Queer Student Union Weekly Meeting
Multicultural Center, HSU
7 p.m., free
Meets every Thursday.

This is the Process of a Still Life
The Placebo, 1611 Peninsula Drive, Manila
7 p.m., \$4 + annual \$2 membership
Ambient rock band from Montana.

Free Bowling Night
E&O Bowl, Glendale Road, Blue Lake
7 p.m., \$1 (shoes rental)
Meet in Science D at 6:30 p.m. to carpool. E-mail swe@humboldt.edu for details.

"On the Golden Pond"
Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St., Ferndale
8 p.m., \$10 (Preview-show price)
A humorous, touching story of love written in the 1970s. Call 786-5483 for details. Also on Oct. 15 and 16.

"The Golden State"
Dell'Arte Theatre, 131 H St., Blue Lake
8 p.m., "Pay-what-you-can" show
A raucous, sexy comedy. Call 668-5663 for reservations. Also on Oct. 15, 16, and 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are usually \$13 (\$11 students/seniors).

Gift of Gab
Kate Buchanan Room, HSU
9 p.m., \$20 (\$17.50 adv.), \$17.50 w/ HSU ID (\$15 adv.)
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Super Helix
Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McK.
9 p.m., \$3
Rock-music performance.

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Rumours, 415 5th St., Eureka
9 p.m., \$4
Funk-rock performance.

Friday 15

Guided Tour of CCAT
CCAT, HSU
2 p.m., free
Call 826-3551 for details.

Oceanography Society Field Trip
Arcata Wastewater Treatment Plant
2:45 p.m., free
Meet at the library circle to car pool. The behind-the-scenes tour of the wastewater plant. For details, e-mail oceansoc@humboldt.edu.

The New Usual w/ The Dean
The Placebo, 1611 Peninsula Drive, Manila
7 p.m., \$4 + annual \$2 membership
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Good Company
Cafe Mokka, 5th and J St., Arcata
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"Hard as a Diamond, Soft as the Dirt"
Hank's Coffeehouse, 1602 Old Arcata Road, Bayside
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Groove 101
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Z-Man, Bicasso, State of Mind, DJ Thanksgiving Brown w/ Mr. Manifest
Mazzotti's, 773 8th St., Arcata
9 p.m., \$7 (\$5 adv. 18+)
Dance and rap music.

The Clint Warner Band
Rumours, 415 5th St., Eureka
9 p.m., \$5
Blues and rock performance.

Saturday 16

Public Field Trip to Widow White Creek, McK.
parking lot, west end of Hiller Road
8 a.m., free
Search for birds. Bring water shoes or rubber boots. Call Kerry Ross at 839-4365 for details. Presented by Redwood Region Audubon Society.

Introduction to Carex (Sedges)
Science D 157, HSU
8 a.m., \$75 (\$50 members)
Learn about the largest genus of flowering plants. Call the Natural History Museum at 826-4479 for details and registration.

Public Field Trip to Arcata Marsh
Klopp Lake lot, foot of I St., Arcata
8:30 a.m., free
Bring binoculars and look for birds. Trip held rain or shine. Presented by Redwood Region Audubon Society.

Feeling Beautiful
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9 a.m., \$20 (scholarships available)
A conference for adolescent girls and women on concepts of beauty. Call 826-3731 for details.

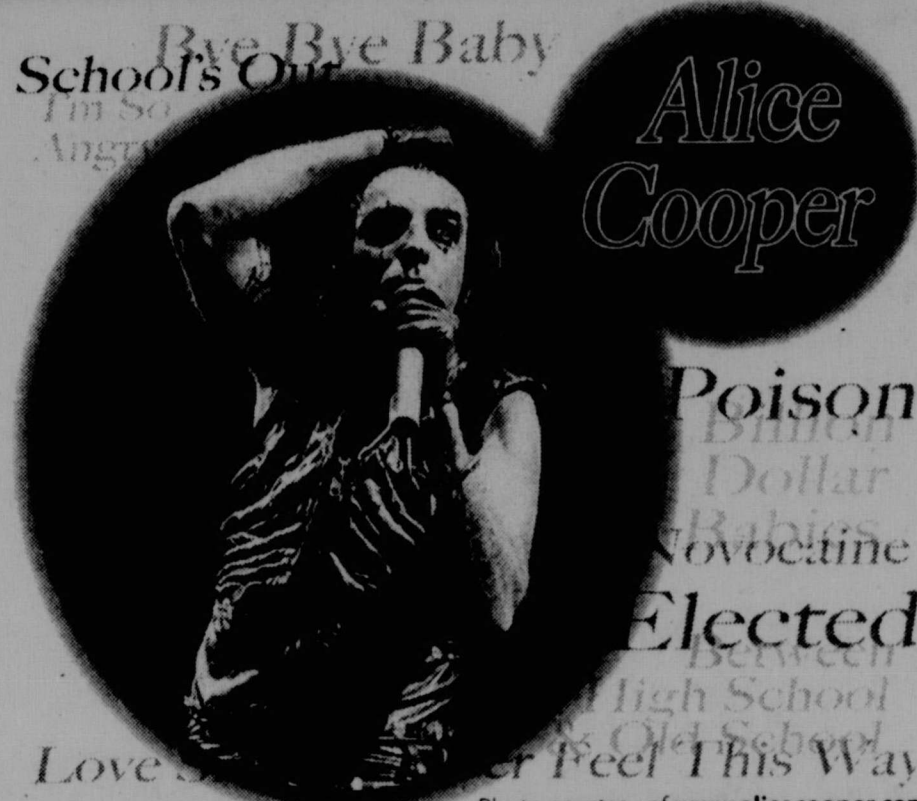
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Movies: "Fear and Selling of the American Empire" and "Hijacking Catastrophe: 9-11"
The Democratic Headquarters, 129 5th St., Eureka
7 p.m., free
"Bush's Brain" starts at 8:30 p.m.

The Heart of Healing: A Night of Music and Inspiration
Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
7 p.m., \$20
A musical fundraiser hosted by the Humboldt Community Breast Health Project. Call 825-8345 for details.

Monte Carlo Nite & Bingo
Arcata Veteran's Building, 1425 J St., Arcata
7 p.m., \$25 (\$40 couple)
Cover price includes \$100 in chips and 2 drink tickets. Hosted by Arcata Youth Football & Cheer.

Swing Dance
Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road, Arcata
7 p.m., \$8 (\$5 members)
An evening of swing and ballroom dance. All dance levels welcome. Call 445-5101 for details.



The "scary" rock musician Alice Cooper will perform at the Eureka Theater on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Va Va Voom!
Good Relations, 308 2nd St., Eureka
7 p.m., \$10 (women 18+)
Learn how to strip-tease and lap dance. Wear layers of clothes. Call 441-9570 to preregister.

Joe & Me
Cafe Mokka, 5th and J St., Arcata
7:30 p.m., free
Music performance.

Blue Marvellez
Rumours, 415 5th St., Eureka
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Blues performance.

Tea Leaf Green w/ Something Different
Mazzotti's, 773 8th St., Arcata
10 p.m., \$5 (21+)
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Scott H. Biram w/ Que La Chinga
The Alibi, 744 9th St., Arcata
10:30 p.m., \$3 (21+)
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Sunday 17

Public Field Trip to Eureka Marsh
parking lot, foot of West Del Norte St.
8:30 a.m., free
Explore Eureka's wetland. Call 268-8052 for details.

The Salty Sailor's Shenanigans
Arcata Dance Studio, 180 Westwood Center, Arcata
7 p.m., \$5
Call 822-5248 for details. Presented by Juggling Pirate Productions.

Rubbernecks
The Alibi, 744 9th St., Arcata
10 p.m., \$2 (21+)
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Monday 18

Takaru w/ Zann
The Placebo, 1611 Peninsula Drive, Manila
7 p.m., \$5 + annual \$2 membership
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Culinary Arts Club Meeting
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8 p.m., free
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Democratic Central Committee General Meeting
Democratic United Campaign Headquarters, 129 5th St., Eureka
7 p.m., free
For more information, call 445-3366 or visit www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Alice Cooper
Eureka Theater, 612 F St., Eureka
8 p.m., \$35 (\$15 1st 10 rows)
Tickets are available at www.jambasetickets.com.

Nathan James
Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McK.
8:30 p.m., \$4
Blues performance.

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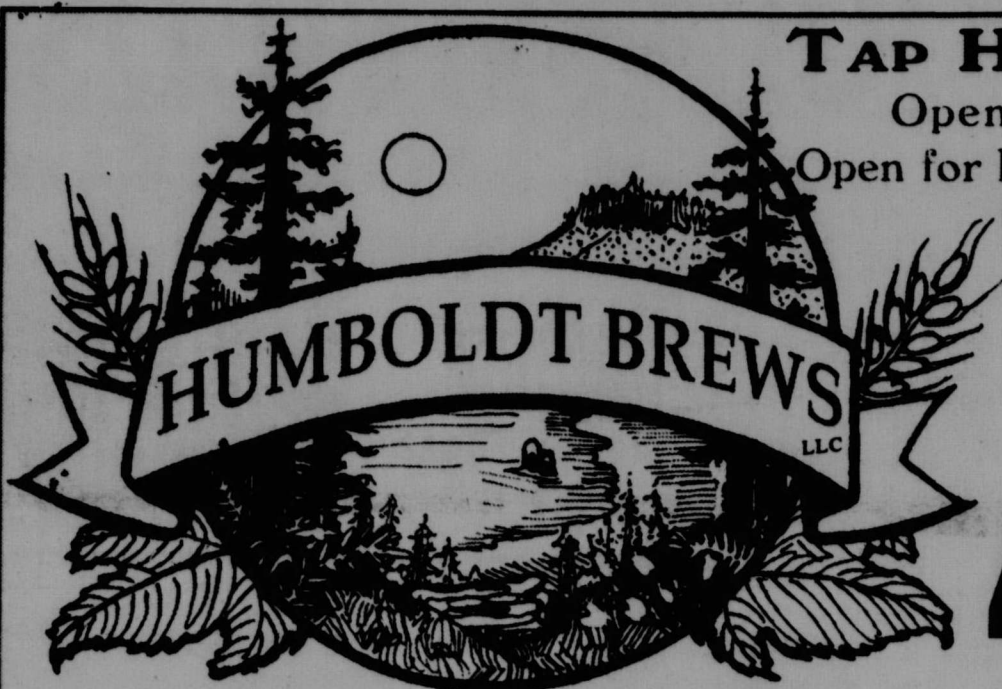
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